

# A LETTER:

Whearin, part of the enter-  
tainment vntoo the Queenz Maestty,  
at Billingwoozth Castl, in warwic Sheer,  
in this soomerz Progress. 1575. is  
signified: from a freend offi-  
cer attendant in Court,  
vnto his freend a Ci-  
tizen, and Mer-  
chaunt of Lons-  
don.

DE REGINA NOSTRA ILLVSTRISSIMA.

*Dum lamina ruant vicina ab Regina tumultu:  
Lata suos inter genialibus ILLA diebus,  
(Gratia Djs) fruitur: Rompantur et ilia Codra.*

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*Untoo my good freend, Ma-  
ster Humtrey Martin Mercer.*



After my harty commenda-  
cionz, I commend me har-  
tely to yow. Understand ye,  
that syng thzough God and  
god frænds, I am placed  
at Court hær (as ye wot) in a woꝛship-  
full room: Wherby, I am not only ac-  
quainted with the most, and well knoen  
to the best, and euery officer glad of my  
company: but also haue poour, a dayz  
(while the Councell sits not) to go and to  
see things sight woꝛthy, and to be prezēt  
at any sheawoꝛ spedacl, ony weare this  
Progress represented vnto her highnes:  
And of part of which spoꝛtez, hauing ta-  
kin sum notez and obseruationz (foꝛ I can  
not be idl at ony hand in the woꝛld) aꝛ wel  
to put fro me suspicion of sluggardy, aꝛ  
to pluk frō yow doont of ony my forgetful-  
nes of frændship: I haue thought it mæt  
to impart them vnto yow, aꝛ frankly, aꝛ  
frændly, and aꝛ fully aꝛ I can. Well wot  
ye the blak Dyngs was neuer stained with  
disloyaltē of ingratitude toward ony, I

dare be his warrant , hee wyll not begyn  
with yoo, that hath at his hand so deeply de-  
serued.

But heer in, the better for conceyuing of  
my minde and instruction of yoozs, ye must  
gyue me leaue a littl , as well to preface  
vntoo my matter, as too discooys sumwhat  
of Kyllingwoozth Castl . A Territozy of  
y right honoꝛabl, my singular good Loꝝd,  
my Loꝝd the Earl of Lynceter : of whoo-  
incomparabl cheering , and enterteyn-  
ment thear vnto her Maiesty noow, I wil  
shew yoo a part hear, that coold not see all,  
noꝝ had I seen all coold well report y hallf.  
We hear thinges , for the parsons , for the  
place, tyme, cost, deuise, graungnes, and  
aboundauns, of all that euer I saue ( and  
yet haue I been , what vnder my Master  
Wumsted, and what on my own affayzs,  
while I occupied Merchaundyze . both in  
Frauns and Flaunders (long and many a  
day) I saw none ony whear so memorabl,  
I tell you playn.

The Castl hath name of Kyllingwoozth,  
but of truth grounded vpon feythfull sto-  
ry Kenelwoozth : It stonds in Warwyk-  
shyre a lxxiii. myle noꝝthwest from Lon-  
don, and as it wear in the Pauell of Eng-  
land,

Kylling-  
woorth  
Castl.

lande, foure mile sum what South from  
 Coueniree a proper Cittee, and a like di-  
 stanns from Marwyk, a fayre Shyre  
 Toun on the North: In ay2 sweet and  
 hollsum, rayzed on an eazy moounted hil,  
 is set eeuently coasted with the froont  
 straight intoo the East, bath the tenaunts  
 & Toun about it, that pleazauntly shysts  
 from dale too hill sundry whear with  
 sweet springs bursting forth: and is so  
 plentifully well sozted on euery side intoo  
 arabl, meado, pasture, wood, water, & good  
 ay2: az it appeerz to haue need of nothing  
 that may perteyn too living or pleasure.  
 Too auantage hath it, hard on the West,  
 still noozisht with many liuely springs, a  
 goodly Pool of rare beuty, bredth, length,  
 deapth, and stoze of all kinde freshwater-  
 fish, delicat, great & fat, and also of wyld-  
 scoul byside. By a rare situation and natu-  
 ral amitez samz this Pool conioynd to the  
 Castl; that on the West layz the hed az it  
 wear vpon the Castls boozom, embraceth  
 it on eyther side South and North with  
 both the armz, settl; it-self az in a reach a  
 sightshoot bode, stretching forth body &  
 legs, amile or too Westward: between a  
 faire Parke on the one side, which by the

Bayz is linked to y<sup>e</sup> Castl on the South,  
 sprinkled at y<sup>e</sup> entrauns with a sea w<sup>th</sup> Co-  
 nyes, that for colour and smallnes of num-  
 ber, seem to be suffered more for pleasure  
 then comoditæ: And on y<sup>e</sup> other side North  
 and West, a goodly Chase: wast, wide,  
 large, and full of red Deer & other state-  
 ly gamez for hunting: beautified with ma-  
 ny delectabl, fresh & vmbagious Bow-  
 erz, arberz, seatz, & wallks, that with  
 great art, cost, & diligens wear very plea-  
 zantly appointed: which also the natural  
 grace by the tall and fresh fragrant træz &  
 soil did so far forth commend, as Diana her  
 self might haue deyned thear well inough  
 to raunge for her pastime. The least arm  
 of this Pool Northward, had my Lorde  
 adorned with a beautifull bracelet of a  
 fayr tymbred brydge, that is of a .xiiii. foot  
 wide, and a six hunderd foot long: railed al  
 on both sidez, strongly planked for passage,  
 reaching from the Chase to the Castl: that  
 thus in the midst hath clær prospect ouer  
 thez pleazurze on y<sup>e</sup> bakpart: and forthward,  
 ouer all the Looun & mooch of the Cun-  
 træ beside. Hærtoo, a speciall comoditee  
 at hand of sundry quarreiz of large bly-  
 ding stone, the goodnes whereof may the  
 easilyar

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eazlyer be indged, in the bylding and auncienty of the Castl, that (a3 by the name & by stoziez, well may be gathered) was fyrst reared by Kenulph and his yong sun and successoz Kenelm: bo2n both indæd wthin the Ream heer, but yet of the race of Saxons: and reigned kings of Marchlond fro the yær of our Lord. 798. to. 23 yærz too gyther, aboue. 770, yær ago. Although the Castl hath one auncient strong and large keep that iz calld Cezarz Tower, rather (a3 I haue good cau3 too think) for that it iz square and by toozmed after the maner of Cezarz Fortz then that euer he bylt it. Nay noow I am a littl in, Master Martin ile tell ye all.

Florileg.  
fol. 221. &c.  
225.

Guil. Mal.  
mesb. li. 1.

This Marchlond that stozyerz call Mercia, iz numbyed in their books, the fourth of the seauen kyngdoms that the Saxons had whilom heer diuided among them in the Ream. Began in Ann. Domi. 616: 139. yær after Horsus and Engist, continued in the race of a 17 kings, a. 249. yær togyther: and eended in Ann. 875. Keized from the rest (say3 the book) at fyrst by Pendaz pzeumption: ouertb2oun at last by Buthreds Vascardy, and so fell too the kyngdoom of the West Saxons.

And

Mercia.

And Marchlond had in it, London, Wil-  
 delser, heerin a Bishoprik. Had moze of  
 Shyre: Gloceter, Worcester, and War-  
 wik, and heerin a Bishoprik. Chester (that  
 now we call Cheshyre) Darby and Staf-  
 ford, wher vntoo one Bishop that had also  
 part of Warwyk & Shreusbery and his  
 See at Couentree, that was then also  
 tyme at Lychfeeld. Heertoo: Hereford,  
 wherin a Bishoprik that had moze too in-  
 risdiction, half Shreusbury, part of War-  
 wyk and also of Gloceter, and the See at  
 Hereford. Also had Orford, Buckingham,  
 Hertford, Puntynghdon, and half of Bed-  
 ford, and too thet, Portsmouth, part of  
 Leyceter and also Lincoln, wher vnto a  
 Bishop: whos See at Lincoln Cittie that  
 sometime befoze was at Dorchester. Heer-  
 to, the rest of Leyceter & in Potttingham  
 that of olde had a speciall Bishop, whos  
 See was at Leyceter, but after, put too the  
 charge of the Archbishop of Yorke.

Now touching the name, that of olde  
 Records I vnderstand, and of auncient  
 writers I finde, is calld Kenelwoorth.  
 Sins mooste of the Worths in England  
 stand ny vntoo lyke lakes, and ar eyther  
 small Islandz, such one as the seate of this  
 Castl

Castl hath ben & easly may be, or is lond  
ground by pool or riuer whearon willoz,  
allderz or such like do gro: which Altha-  
merus wrytez pzevzly that the Germaine  
cal werð: Joyning theez to togyther with  
the nyghneß allso of the woꝝds & sybzed of  
the toꝝngs. I am the bolder too pꝛonouns,  
that az oour English VVoorth, with the  
rest of oour ancient langage, waz least vs  
from the Germainys: æuen so, that theyz  
Werð & our Woorth iz all one thing in  
signifauns, common to vs both æn at  
this day. I take the case so clær that I say  
not az mooch as I moought. Thus pꝛoface  
ye with the pꝛeface. And now to the  
matter.

Vpon Tacit  
fol. 142.

The Ger-  
maine call  
vverck that  
vve woꝝth.  
vverlt:

woꝝth.

vvermut:

woꝝms

wood. So

viel vverz

So mooch

woꝝth.

**O**n Saturday the nyentb of July, at  
long Ichingham, a Count & Lordship  
of my lordys, within a thꝛæ mile of Kylling-  
woꝝth, his honoz made her Maiesty great  
chær at dinner, and pleazant pastyme in  
būting by the wey after, that it was eight  
a clock in þe æuening ear her hyghnes cam  
too Kyllingwoꝝth. We hear, in the Park, a  
boout a flight shot from the Brayz & first  
gate of the Castl, one of the ten Sibills,  
that (wee ræd) wear all Fatidicæ & Theo-

Sibyl.

obulke, (as partyez and priny too the Gods  
 gracious good willz) cumly clad in a pall  
 of white sylk, pronounced a proper poezi  
 in English ryme & meter: of effect, hooow  
 great gladnes her gracious prezenz  
 brought into euery steed whear it pleased  
 her too cum, and specially now intoo that  
 place y had so long longed after the same:  
 ended with prophery certeyn, of mooch &  
 long prosperitee healtb and felicitie: this  
 her Maiesty beningly accepting, passed  
 soozth vntoo the next gate of the Wayz,  
 which (for the length, largnes and vse (as  
 well it may so serue) they call noow the  
 The Porter, Wytyard, whear a Porter, tall of parson,  
 big of lim & stearn of countinauns, wzap  
 also all in sylk, with club & keyz of quan-  
 titee accordyng: had a roough speech full of  
 passions in meter aptly made too the pur-  
 pose: whearby (as her highnes was cum  
 within his ward) he burst out in a great  
 pang of impaciens too see such vncooth  
 trudging too & fro, such ridyng in & out,  
 with such dyn & noyz of talk within the  
 charge of his offis: whearof he neuer saw  
 the lyke nor had any warning afoze, ne  
 yet could make too him self any cauz of the  
 matter, at last vpon better viciu & anise-  
 ment



ment as he preast too cum neerar: confes-  
sing anon that he soound him self perced  
at the prezens of a parsonage so euidently  
expzessing an heroicall Soueraintie ouer  
all the hole estates, & by degreez thear be-  
syde: calling biȝ stormz, proclayms open  
gates & free passage too all, yeeldes by hiȝ  
club, biȝ heȝ, hiȝ office and all, and on hiȝ  
kneeȝ humbly praiȝ pardon of biȝ igno-  
rauns & impaciens: which her highnes  
graciously graunting, he cauȝd hiȝ Trum-  
petours that stood vpon the wall of the  
gate thear, too soound by a tune of well,  
cum: which, by side the nobl noȝ, waȝ so  
much the more pleezaunt too beholde, be-  
cauȝ theȝ Trumpetours being six in  
number, wear euery one an eight foot by,  
in due proportion of parson besyde, all in  
long garmens of sylk sutable, each with  
hiȝ syluery Trumpet of a foue foot long,  
foormed taper wyȝe, and straight from  
the vpper part vntoo the neather eend:  
whear the diameter waȝ a 16. incheȝ  
ouer and yet so tempered by art, that being  
very eazy too the blaȝ, they cast forth no  
greater noȝ; noȝ a more vnpleazaunt  
soound for time & tune, then any oother  
common Trumpet be it neuer so artifici-

The Trum-  
petours.

Lady of the  
Lake.

ally soozmed. These armonious blasterz,  
from y sozeside of the gate at her highnes  
entrauns whear they began: walking bpō  
the wallz, vntoo the inner: had this mozik  
maynteyned from them very delectably  
while her highnes all along this Wilt yard  
rode vnto y inner gate next y baze coourt  
of the Castl: whear the Lady of the Lake  
(famous in king Arthurz book) with too  
Pymphes wayting vpon her, arrayed all  
in sylks attending her highnes comming:  
frō the midst of y Pool, whear, bpō a moo-  
uabl Iland, bzight blazing with tozches,  
the floating too land, met her Maiesty with  
a wel penned meter and matter after this  
sozte: First of the auncientē of the Castl,  
whoo had been ownerz of the same, ten till  
this day, moost allwey in the handes of the  
Carls of Leycepter, hooe she had kept  
this Lake syns king Arthurz dayz, and  
now vnderstanding of her highnes hither  
cumming, thought it both offis & dety in  
humbl wyze too discoouer her and her es-  
tate: offring vp the same, her Lake & pour-  
tbearin, with promis of repair vnto the  
Coourt. It pleased her highnes too thank  
this lady & too ad witball, we had thought  
indēd y Lake had been ours, and do you  
call

call it yourz noow: Well we wyll heerin  
common moze with yoo hereafter.

This Pageaunt waz clozd by with a de-  
lectabl harmony of Hautboiz, Shalmz,  
Cornets, and such other loud Muzik, that  
held on wbyle her Maiesty, pleazantly so  
passed from thens too ward the Castl gate:  
whearvntoo, from the baze Court ouer a  
drie valley, cast into a good soozm, waz  
thear framed a fayze Bridge of a twenty The bridge.  
foote wyde, and a seauenty fot long, gra-  
ueld for treading, rayled on eyther part  
with seauen posts on a syde, that stood a Seuen pair  
twelue fot a sūder, thikned betwēn with of Posts.  
well ppozitioned Pillers turnd.

Upon the first payz of Posts wear set, too  
cumly square wyze Cages, each a thre fot  
long, too fot wide & by: in the line Witterz,  
Carleuz, Shouelars, Hearntheawz, God-  
wytz, and such lyke deinty Byzds of the  
pzeents of Syluanus the God of fooul.

Syluanus  
pzeents, 1,

On the second payz, too great Syluerd  
Bollz, featly apted too the purpoze, fylde  
with Applz, Pearz, Cherryz, Fylberdz,  
Walnuts fresh vpon theyz bzaūchez, and  
with Dzingez, Dzungarnets, Lemmans,  
and Pypinz, all for the gyfts of Pomona, Pomona, 2  
Goddess of fruiez.

The thezdz payze of Posts, in too such syl-

Ceres. 3.

uerd Bollz, had (all in earz, græn & ollo)  
Wheat, Barly, Otez, Beanz & Peaz, a;  
the gyfts of Ceres.

The fourth Post on the least hand, in a  
like syluerd boll, had Grapes in Clusters,  
white and red, graciſied w ith their vine  
leauz: the match Post against it, had a  
payre of great white syluer luyery Pots  
for Wine: and befoze them, too glassez of  
good capacitee filld full: the ton with white  
Wine, the toother with claret: so fresh  
of coolor, and of look so loouely smiling  
to the eyz of many, that by my ſeyth me  
thought by their lœring, they could haue  
found in their hartis (a; the ænening was  
hot) too haue kyſt them ſweetly & thought  
it no ſin: and thæz for the potenciall pre-  
zents of Bacchos the God of wine.

Dædus. 4.

The fifth payz had, each a ſayz large frey  
ſireawd a littl with fresh graſſ, and in thê,  
Coonger, Bort, Mallet, fresh Herring,  
Oyſters, Sumon, Creuis, and ſuch like  
from Neptunus, God of the Sea.

Neptunus 5

On the ſixth payz of Poſts wear ſet too  
ragged ſtæez of ſyluer, as my Lord giuez  
them in armz, beautifully glittering of ar-  
moour therupon depeding, Bowz, Arroz,  
Spearz, Sheld, Head pæz, Corget, Corſe  
lets,

lets, Swoords, Targets, and such like for Mars. 6.  
 Mars gifts the God of war. And the apt-  
 lyer (me thought) was it that thooz ragged  
 Staues suppozted thez; Partiall presents,  
 as well bicauz thez; Staues by their tines  
 seem naturally meet for the bearing of ar-  
 mour, as also y they cheefly in this place  
 might take vpon them principall protecti-  
 on of her highnes Parson, that so benignly  
 pleased her to take her boour.

On the seauenth Posts, the last & next  
 too the Castl, wear thear pight, too sayz  
 Bay bzaûchez of a four foot by, adourned  
 on all sides with Lutes, Viollz, Shalmz,  
 Cornets, Flutes, Records & Harps, as  
 the presents of Phœbus the God of Musick, Phœbus.  
 for reioysing the mynd, and also of Physick  
 for health to the body.

Ouer the Castl gate was thear fastened  
 a Tabl beautifullly garnisht aboue with  
 her highnest armes, and featly with Ioy  
 wreathz boordzed aboot: of a ten foot  
 square: the ground blak, whear vpon in  
 large white Capitall Roman sayz writ-  
 ten: a Poem mencioning thez; Gods &  
 their gyfts thus presented vntoo her high-  
 ness: which, becauz it remaynd vnremoo-  
 ued, at leyzure & pleasure I took it oout,  
 as folloeth,

# AD MAIESTATVM REGIAM.

*Iupiter huc certos cernens TE tendere gressus,  
 Cœlicolas PRINCEPS æclitum convocat omnes  
 Obsequium præstare iubet TIBI quæq; benignum,  
 Unde suas Sylvanus aues, Pomonaq; fructus,  
 Alma Ceres fruges, hilarantia vina Lyæus,  
 Neptunus pisces, æta et tutantia Maors,  
 Suanæ melos Phœbus, solidam longamq; salutem.  
 Dÿ TIBI REGINA hac (cū SIS DIGNISSIMA) præbẽ?  
 Hac TIBI cum Domino dedit se et verba Kenelmi.*

All the Letterz that mention her Ma-  
 iesty, which heer I put capitall, for reue-  
 rens & honoꝝ weare thear made in goldd.

But the night well spent, for that thãz  
 verlez by toꝝchlyght, could not eazly be  
 red, by a Poet thearfoze in a long cerule-  
 ous garment, with a syde & wyde sleue;  
 Venecian wyze, drawn vp to his elboz,  
 his dooblet sleeves vnder that, crimzen,  
 nothing but sylk: a Bay garland on his  
 hed, and a skro in his hand, making syt  
 an humble obeyzaunz at her highness cum-  
 ming, and pointing vnto every pꝛezent  
 a; he spake: the same weare pronounced.  
 Pleasauntly thus viewing the gyfts a;  
 the

the past, & how y<sup>e</sup> posts might agré w<sup>th</sup> the  
speach of y<sup>e</sup> Poet, at the end of the brydge &  
entrée of y<sup>e</sup> gate, waz her highness receiued  
with a fresh delicat armony of flutes, in  
perfoozmauns of Phoebus prezents.

So passing intoo the inner Court,  
her Maiesty (that neuer rydes but a-  
lone) thear set dooun from her Pallfrey,  
waz conueid bp too chamber: when after,  
dyd follo so great a peal of gunz, and such  
lyghtning by fyer woozk a long spacetoo-  
gyther: as Iupiter wouold theaw him self  
too be no further behinde with hiz well-  
com, then the rest of hiz Gods: and that  
wouold be haue all the Cuntrée to kno: for  
indeed the noyz & flame wear hard & seen  
atwenty myle of. Thus mooch Master  
Martin (that I remember me) for y<sup>e</sup> fyrst  
dayz Bien venu. Be ye not wery, for I am  
skant in the mydst of my matter.

On sūday: the for noon occupied (as for the Sunday. 2  
Sabot day) in quiet & vocation frō woozk,  
and in diuine seruys & preaching at the  
parish church: The afternoon in excel-  
lent Musik, of sundry swēt instruments,  
and in dauncing of Lōzds & Ladyez, and  
oother woozshipfull degraiz, vttered with  
such liuely agilitē & commendabl grace:

as whither it moougt be moze straunge  
too the eye, or pleasaunt too the mind, for  
my part indeed I could not discern: but ex-  
ceedingly well was it (me thought) in both.

At night late, as though Iupiter the  
last nyght, had forgot for biziness, or for  
boyn for curtezy & quiet, part of his well-  
room vntoo her highness appointed: now  
entring at first intoo his purpose mode-  
rately (as mostall deo) with a warning  
pée or too, proceeding on with encreas, at  
last the Altisonant displaye me his mayn  
pouer: with blaz of burning darts, flying  
too & fro, leamz of starz cozuscant, streamz  
and hayl of fiery sparks, lyghtenings of  
wyldesier a water & lond, flyght & shot of  
thunderbolts: all with such continuans,  
ferroure & vehemency: that the heauens  
thunderd, the waters soourged, the earth  
shook: in such sozt surely, as had wee not  
been assured the fulminant deitee was all  
but in amitte, and could not otherwis wit-  
ness his wellcooming vntoo her highness:  
it would haue made me for my part, as  
hardy as I am, very vengeably ascard.  
This a doo lasted while by midnight was  
past, that well was me soon after when I  
was coucht in my cabagin. And this for  
the



the second day:

Munday was hot , and thearfore her  
 hightnesse kept in tyll a five a clok in the  
 evening: what tyme it pleased her too  
 ryde forth intoo the Chase too hunt the  
 Hart of fozs: which found anon, and af-  
 ter soze chased , and chased by the hot  
 pursuit of the hounds , was sayn of syne  
 fozs, at last too take soyl. Thcar to behollo  
 the swyft flaxing of the Dær afoze with  
 the stately caryage of hiz bed in hiz swim-  
 ming , spred (for the quantitat) lyke the  
 sayl of a shyp : the hounds harroing af-  
 ter , as had they been a number of skypys  
 too the spoyle of a karuell : the ton no less  
 eager in purchas of hiz pray, then was the  
 toother earnest in safegard of hiz lyfe : so  
 as the earning of the hounds in continu-  
 auns of theyz cry, the swyftnes of y Dær,  
 the running of footemen , the galloping of  
 horsez, the blasting of hozns, the halloing &  
 hewing of the huntsmen, with the excellēt  
 Echoz betwœn whilez from the woods and  
 waters in valleyz resounding, moored pa-  
 stime delectabl in so hy a degre, as for ony  
 parson to take pleasure by moost senses at  
 ones, in mine opiniō thear cā be none ony  
 wey comparabl too this : And specially in

Munday. 3

The hūting  
 of the Hart  
 of fozs.

this place that of nature is foormed so fæet  
foz the purpoze. In feyth Maſter Martin  
if ye cold with a wiſh I wold ye had beer  
at it: Well the hart was kyld, a goodly  
Dæer, but ſo ceaſt not the game yet.

The ſavage  
man.

Foz aboout nine a clok at the hither  
part of the Chaſe, whear tozthlight  
attended: oout of the woods in her  
Maieſtiez retorne, rooughly came thear  
foozth Hon. bre Saluagio, with an Oken  
plant pluct vp by the roots in his hande,  
him ſelf fozgrone all in moſſ & Iuy: who,  
foz parſonage, geſture, & vttrauns beſide,  
coountenaunſt the matter too very good  
lyking, and had ſpeech to effect: That con-  
tynuing ſo long in theez wylde waſts,  
whearin oft had he ſared both far & neer,  
yet hapt he neuer to ſæ ſo gloziouſ an  
aſſemble afoze: and now caſt intoo great  
græf of mynde, foz that neither by himſelf  
could he geſſ, noz knew whear els to be  
taught, what they ſhould be oz whoo bare  
eſtate. Reports ſum had he hard of ma-  
ny ſtraunge things, but bzooyled thearby  
ſo mooch the moze in deſyze of knoledge.  
Thus in great pangz bethought he & calld  
he vpon all his familiarz & cōpanionz: the  
Fawnz, the Satyrez, the Pymphs, the  
Dryades,

Myrardes, & the Hamadziades, but none making aunswer, whereby his care the more encreasynge, in utter grief & extreame refuge calld he aloud at last after his olde friend Echo Echo that he wist would hide nothing from him, but tell him all if he wear hear. Heer (¶ Echo.) Heer Echo, Echo and art thou there? (sayz he) Ah how much hast thou releued my careful spirite; with thy curtezy onward. A my good Echo heer is a maruelouus pzehens of dignitee, what art they I pray thee, whoo is soouerein, tel me I beseeke the or els how moought I kno? I kno (¶ she). Knoſte thou sayz he? mary that is exceedingly well: why then, I desyer the hartely shew me what Maiesty (for no mean degree is it) haue we heer: a King or a Queen? A Queen (¶ Echo.) A Queen sayz he? pausing & wysly viewyng a whyle, now full certeynly seemz it thy tale to be tru. And proceeding by this maner of dialog withan earnest behollding her bighnes a whyle, recoûts he fyrst how instly that foozmer reports agree with his pzesent sight: tooching the beautifull liniaments of cooûtenauns, the cumly pzopozcion of body, the pzinsly grace of pzês, the gracious gifts

of nature with the rare & singular qualities of both body & minde in her Maiesty coniognd, and so apparaunt at ey. Then shortly reherſing Saturdayes acts: of Sibils ſalutation, of the Porters propoſition, of his Trumpetours muſick, of the Lake ladyes oration, of the ſeauen Gods ſeauen preſents: he repoſteth the incredibleroy that all eſtates in the land haue allwey of her highnes whear ſo euer it cumis: cendeth with preſage & praer of perpetual felicitie, and with vnbly ſubiectiō of him & hisſen & all that they may doo. After this ſort the matter wēt with littl differens I geſſ, ſauing only in this point: y the thing which heer I repoſt in vnpooliſht proſe, was thear pronounced in good meter & meter very well endighted in ryme. Echo ſynely framed moſt aptly by aunſwerz thus too vtter all. But ſhall I tell yō maiſter Wirtyn by the maſſ of a mad a-venture: as this Savage for the more ſubmiſſiō brake his tree a ſunder, keſt the top from him, it had almoſt light vpon her highnes hozs hed: whereat he ſtartld & the gentlman moch diſmayd. See the benignitee of the Wyins, as the ſoot men lookt well too the hozs, and he of generozitee  
ſoon

soon callmd of him self, no hurt no hurt &  
her highnes. Which wordes I promis yoo  
we wear all glad too heer, and took them  
too be the best part of the play.

Tuesday, pleazant passing of the time  
with muzik & daunsyng: sauing that to-  
ward night it liked her Maiesty too walk  
a foot intoo the Chase ouer the Bridge:  
whear it pleased her to stand, while vpon  
the Pool oout of a Barge fine appoynted  
for the purpoze, too heer sundry kindes of  
very delectabl Muzik. Thus recreated and  
after sum walk her highnes returned.

Tuesday. 4.

Wednesday, her Maiesty rode intoo the Wednes.  
Chase a hunting again of the hart of fozs.  
The Deer after his property for refuge  
took the soyl: but so masterd by hot pursuit  
on all parts that he was taken quik in the  
pool: the watermē held him vp hard by the  
red, while at her highnes commaundemēt  
he lost his earz for a raundsum and so had  
pardon of lyfe.

The Hart  
pardoned.

Thursday, the fourteenth of this July Thursday. 6  
and the syxth day of her Maiestyes cum-  
ming: a great sort of bandogs whear thear  
tyed in the vtter Court, and thyrteen  
bearz in the inner. Whoo so euer made the  
pannell, thear wear inoo too for a Queast &  
one

A queast of  
Bearz.

one for challenge & need wear. A wight of  
 great wisdom and grauitie seemed they  
 for man too be, had it cum too a Jury: But  
 it fell out that they wear raiyd too ap-  
 peer thear vpon no such matter, but onely  
 too answer too an auncient quarrell be-  
 tween the & the bandogs, in a cause of con-  
 trouersy that hath long depended, been ob-  
 stinately full often debated with sharp and  
 byting arguments aboth sydes, and could  
 neuer be decyded: grown noow too so  
 maruaylloous a mallys, that with spitefull  
 obzayds and vncharitabl chaffngs all,  
 wey; they treat, as far as any whear the  
 ton can heer, see, or smell the footber: and  
 indeed at vtter deadly fohod. Many a  
 maynd member, (God wot) bloody face &  
 a tozn cote hath the quarell cost between  
 them, so far likely the less yet noow too be  
 appeayd, as thear wants not partaker;  
 too bak them aboth sidez.

Well syz, the Bearz wear brought  
 too;th intoo the Court, the Dogs set  
 too them, too argu the poynts euen face  
 too face, they had learnd counsell allso  
 aboth parts: what may they be coounted  
 parciall that are retaynd but a to syde? I  
 ween no. Wery seers both ton & footber &  
 eager

eager in argument: if the dog in pleadyng  
woould pluk the bear by the throot, & bear  
with trauers woould claw him again by  
the skally, confess & a list, but a boyd a cold  
not that waz bound too the bar: and his  
counsell tollo him that it coold be too him  
no pollecy in pleading.

Wherefore thus with fending & pzo-  
uing, with pluckyng & tugging, skratting  
and byting, by plain toth & nayl a to side &  
toother such expēs of blood & leather waz  
thear between them, a; a moontys licking  
I ween wyl not recoouer: and yet remayn  
a; far oout a; euer they wear.

It waz a sport very pleazannt of theez  
beastz: to see the bear with his pink nyez  
læring after his enemyez appzoch, the nim-  
blness & wayt of y dog too take his auan-  
tage, and the soys & experiens of the bear  
agayn to auoyd the assaults: if he wear bit-  
ten in no place, howe be woold pynch in  
an oother too get fræ: that if he wear ta-  
ken onez, then what shyft with byting  
with clawng, with rozing tolling & tom-  
bling he woold woork too wynde hym self  
from them: and when he waz lose, to  
shake his earz twyse oz thryse with the  
blud & the flauer aboout his fiznamy, waz

a matter of a goodly reléf.

Gunshot &  
firework.

As this sport was had a day time in the  
Castl, so was thear abode at night very  
straunge & sundry kinde; of syer woozks,  
compeld by cunnyng too fly too & fro and  
too mount very by intoo the ay; bpward,  
and also too burn vnquenshabl in the wa-  
ter beneath: contrary ye wot, too syer;  
kinde. This intermengld with a great  
peal of guns: which all gaue, both too the  
ear & to the ey the greater grace & delight,  
for that with such order and art they wear  
temperd coouching time & continuauns,  
that was; aboout too ours space.

Tumbling  
of the Ita-  
lian.

Now within also in the mean tyme  
was thear sheawed befoze her bighnes, by  
an Italian, such feats of agilitee, in go-  
ings, turnings, tumblings, castings,  
hops, iumps, leaps, skips, springs, gam-  
bands, soomerlauts, capzettyez & flyghts:  
se;ward, backward, sydelwyze, dootwn-  
ward, bpward, and with such wyndyngs  
gyrings & circumflexions: al so lightly and  
wyth such eazyness, as by me in feate  
wooords it is not expzeissibl by pen or spéech  
I tell yoo playn. I bleast me by my sayth  
to behold him, and began to doout wbitber  
a was; a man or a spirite: and I ween had  
doouted



doubted me till this tyme : had it not been  
that anon I bethough me of men that can  
reason & talk with too tongues, and with too  
parsons at once, sing lyke birds, carterz of  
behauoour, of body strong and in ioynts  
so nymbly withall, that their bones seeme as  
lythye & pleyant as spene. They dwell in  
a happy land (as the booke termz it) four  
monthes sayling Southward beyond E-  
thiop.

Now master Martin I tell you no less: Diodor. Si-  
for both Diodorus Siculus an auncient cul. De anti-  
Greek historiographer in his third booke egyptiorū  
of the acts of the olde Egyptians : and also gestia, li. 3  
from him, Conrad Gesnerus a great lear-  
ned man, and a very diligent wyter in all  
good arguments of our tyme (but decea-  
sed) in the fyrst Chapter of his Mithrida-  
tes reporteth the same. As for this fello  
I cannot tell what too make of him, save  
that I may guess his bak be metallo lyke a  
lamprey that hath no bone but a lyne lyke  
a lute string.

Mithrid.  
Gesneri.

Well say let him pass & his feats, and  
this dayz pastyme withall, for heer is as  
much as I can remember me for Thurs-  
dayz entertainment.

Fryday & Saturday wear thear no o. Fryday. 7

Saterday.8 pen sheaw abzode , becauz the weaether  
 enclynde too sum moyster & wynde : that  
 very seasonably temperd the dzoought &  
 the heat , cauzed by y continauns of sayz  
 weaether & sunshyne afoze , all the towble  
 syngs her Maiestie; thytter cumming.

Sunday.9

A Sunday opoztuncly the weaether  
 bzake bp again, and after diuine seruiss in  
 the parish church for the Sabot day, and a  
 frutefull sermon thear in the fozenoon:  
 at after noon in woozship of this Kenel-  
 wo:th Castl, and of God & saint Kenelm,  
 whooz day forsoth by the calendar , this

A Brideale, was : a solem byydeale of a proper topl  
 was appointed: set in order in y tyltyard,  
 too cum & make thear sheaw befoze the  
 Castl in the great coourt , whear az was  
 pight a cumly quintine for seatz at armz:  
 which when they had down, too march oout  
 at the Northgate of the Castl homeward  
 again into the tooun.

And thus wear they Marhalld. Fryst,  
 all the lusty lads & bolld bachelorz of  
 the parish, sutably euery wight with hiz  
 blu buckeram byydelace vpon a bzaunch  
 of green bzoom (cauz rozemary is skant  
 thear) tyed on hiz least arm (for a that  
 syde lyez the hart ) and hiz allder poll  
 for

for a spear in his right hand , in mar-  
 ciall order raunged on a foze , too & too in  
 a rank : sum with a hat, sum in a cap,  
 sum a cote sum a ierkin , sum for lightnes  
 in his dooblet & his boze, cleane trust with a  
 point afoze: sum boots & no spurz, he spurz  
 & no boots, and he neyther nother : one a  
 sabel, anoother a pad or a pannell fastened  
 with a cord , for gyfts wear geazon : and  
 thet; too the number of a sixteen wight ri-  
 ding men & well beseen : but the Bzide-  
 groom for most, in his fatherz talony wo-  
 sted iacket , (for his freends wear sayn  
 that he shoold be a bzidegroom befoze the  
 Queen) a sayn straw hat with a capitall  
 crooun strept wyse on his hed : a payn of  
 haruest glourz on his hands , as a sign of  
 good husbandry: a pen & inkeorn at his bak.  
 for he woold be knowen to be bookish:  
 lame of a leg that in his youth was bzokē  
 at fōtball: wellbeloued yet of his mother  
 that lent him a no mufflar for a napkin  
 that was tyed too his gyrdl for lozynge: It  
 was no small spozt too mark this minion  
 in his full appointment, that thzough good  
 schoolation becam as for small in his action  
 as had he been a bzidegroom indeed: with  
 this speciall grace by y wey , that euer as

he wold haue framed him the better countenances, with the wolds face he loekt.  
 Well sye, after thez hoysmen, a lyuely moztisdauns, accoꝝding too the auncient manner, sir daunserz, Pawdmarion, & the fool. Then, thze pzetȳ puzels az bryght az a bzest of bacon, of a thirtȳ yē oꝝld a pēs, that caryed thze speciall spisecakes of a bushell of wheat, (they had it by measure out of my Loꝝds bakhoons), befoze the Wride: syzely with set countenances, and lips so demurely simpzyng, az it had bēn a mare cropping of a thistle. After thez a leuely loober wozts, frekifaced, red beoꝝded, cleen trust in hys dooblet & hys boze: taken bp nowē in dēd by commission, for that he was so loth to cum forwarde, for reuerens belike of his ny cut canuas dooblet: and wold by his good will haue bēn but a gazer, but fownd to bee a mēt actor for hys office: that waz too bear the brydecup, fowmed of a swæt sucket barrel, a sayze turnd fot set to it, all seemly besyluerd & parcell gylt, adourned with a beatifull braunch of bzom, gayly begylded for rozemary: from which, too brode bydelatez of red & yelloo buckeram begylded, and galauntly streeming by such winde

winde aȝ thear waȝ (foȝ he caried it aloft:) This gentlcupbearer yet had biȝ freckld ſiȝnamy ſumtwhat vnbappily infeſted aȝ he went by the byȝȝ ſpȝȝ, that ſtoct about the bȝidecup foȝ the ſweetneſ of the ſucket that it ſauoȝd on: but he lyke a tall fello, wltthſtood theyȝ mallis ſtoontly (ſee what manhod may doo) bet them aſwey, kylld them by ſkoȝȝ, ſtood too biȝ charge & marched on in good oȝder.

Then folloed the wooȝſhipfull Bȝide, led(after the cuntree maner) betwē too auncient pariſhonerȝ, honeſt toounſmen. But a ſtale ſtallion & a well ſpȝeed, (hot aȝ the weather waȝ) God wot & an ill ſmelſyng waȝ ſhe: a xxxv. yēȝ old, of cooler bȝounbay, not very beautifull indēd but vȝtly ſoonl ill ſauoȝd: yet marueloous ſayn of the offis, bycauȝ ſhe hard ſay ſhe ſhoold dauns befoȝe the Queen, in which feat ſhe thought ſhe woold foot it as ſinely aȝ the beſt: Well, after tȝis bȝide cam thear by too & too, a dooȝen damȝels foȝ bȝide mayds: that foȝ ſauooȝ, attȝȝȝ, foȝ ſacion & cleanyneſſ: wear aȝ meet foȝ ſuch a bȝide, aȝ a frēȝ laol foȝ a poȝrige poſ:mo, but foȝ fear of carryng all cleēȝ had bēȝ appoin:ted; but theȝ ſeaȝ wear inoȝw.

As the company in this order wear cum  
into y<sup>e</sup> court, marueylous wear the mar-  
ciall acts that wear doon thear that day.

Running at  
Quintine.

The Wydegrome for preeminens  
had the fyrst cooys at the fyrst Quintyne,  
bake his spear treshardiment : but his  
mare in his mannage did a littl so titu-  
bate, that mooch a do had his manhod too  
sit in his sadl, & too skape the foyl of a fall:  
with the help of his band yet he recoonerd  
himself, and lost not his styrops (for he had  
none too his saddl): had no hurt as it bap,  
but only that his gyrt burst, and lost his  
pen & inkoyn that he was redy to wep for.  
But his handkercher, as god hap was,  
founde he safe at his gyrd: that cheerd him  
sumwhat, & had good regard it shoold not  
be fyeld. For though heat & coolnes vpon  
sundry occasions made him sumtime too  
sweat, and sumtime reumatik: yet durst  
he be bollder too blo his noze & wype his  
face with the flapet of his fatherz iacket,  
then with his mothers mufflar. Wiz a  
godly matter, when yoth is manerly  
brought vp in fatherly looue & motherly  
aw.

Soow fyr, after the Wydegroom had  
made his cooys, ran the rest of the band, a  
wyle

toyle in sum order, but soon after, tag &  
 rag, cut & long tayl: whear the specialty of  
 the sport was, to see: how sum for his  
 flakness had a good bob with the bag, and  
 sum for his haste too toppd down right, &  
 cum tumbling to the post: sum stryuing so  
 much at the first setting out, that it seemd  
 a question betwene the man & the beast,  
 whither the cooys shoold be made a hors-  
 bak or a foot: and put forth with the spurz,  
 then woold run his race byas among the  
 thickest of the thzong, that dooun came  
 they too gyther hand ouer hed: another,  
 toyle he directed his cooys to the quin-  
 tyne, his iument woold cary him too a  
 mare amoong the pepl: so his hoys az a  
 mozoous, az him self aduenturoous. Anoo-  
 ther, too run & miss the quintyne with his  
 staff, and hit the booyd with his hed.

Many such gay games wear thear a-  
 mong thez ryderz: who by & by after, bpō  
 a greater cooysage least thear quintining,  
 and ran one at a noother. Thear to se the  
 fearn coountenauns, the grym looks, the  
 cooysagious attempts, the desperat adue-  
 turez, the daungeroous cooyscz, the fcers  
 encounterz, whearby the buff at the  
 man, and the coounterbuff at the hoys, that

both sumtime cam topling too the groound  
 By my trooth Maſter Martyn twaſ a  
 lvely paſtyme, I beleue it woold hane  
 mooued ſum man too a right mery mood,  
 though had it be toold him hiſ wyſe lay a  
 dying.

Hok Tuif  
 day by the  
 Couentree  
 men.

And heertoo folloed aſ good a ſpote  
 (me thooght) preſented in an hiſtoricall  
 ku, by certeyn good harted men of Co  
 uentree, my Lordes neigbbooz thear:  
 whoo vnderſtanding amoong them the  
 thing that coold not be hidden from ony:  
 boow careful & ſtudious hiſ honoz waſ, &  
 by all pleaſaunt recreations her highnes  
 might beſt ſynde her ſelf wellcom, and  
 be made gladſom & mery (the groound,  
 woork inded & ſoundacion of hiſ Lord  
 ſhips myrth & gladnes of vs all) made pe  
 titiſon that they moought rent noow their  
 olde ſtoziall ſheaw: Of argument betw the  
 Daneſ whylom her in a troonbloous ſea  
 ſon wear ſoz quietnes bozn withall & ſuf  
 feard in peas, that anon by coutrage & im  
 poſtabl inſolency, abozing both Ethelred  
 the king then & all eſtateſ euery whear  
 by yde: at the greuocous complaint & rooſ  
 ſell of Wina the kings cheeftain in warſ,  
 on a Saint Wriceſ night. Ann. Dom. 1012.

Florileg.  
 li. i. fo. 300.



(As the book sayz) that falleth yearly on  
the thytenth of November) wear all di-  
spatcht & the ream rid. And for bicauz the  
matter mencioneth how valiauntly our  
english woemen for looue of theyr contrée  
behaued themseluez: expressed in actionz &  
rymez after their maner, they thought it  
mought mooue sum myzt too her Maie-  
sty the rather.

The thing said they is grounded on sco-  
ry, and for pastime went too be playd in  
our Citée yearly: withoout ill exampl of  
mannerz, papistry or any superstition: and  
els did so occupy the heds of a nūber, that  
likely inough wold haue had woordes me-  
ditationz: had an auncient begynning & a  
long continuans: tyll noow of late layd  
dooun, they knu no cau: why: onless it  
wear by the zeal of certeyn theyr prea-  
cherz: men very commendabl for behavi-  
our & learning, and swæt in theyr ser-  
mons, but sumwhat too sour in preaching  
awey theyr pastime: wilst thearfoze, that  
as they shood continu theyr good doctrin  
in pulpet, so, for matters of pollecy & goo-  
nernauns of the Citée, they wold permit  
them too the May: & Magistratez: and  
seyd by my seyth, Master Martyn, they  
C.ij. would

would make theyr humbl petition vnto  
her highnes, that they might haue theyr  
playe by agayn.

Captain  
Cox.

But aWare, keep bak, make room noow,  
heer they cum. And syt a captin Cox, an  
od man I promiz you: by profession a Pa-  
son, and that right skillfull: very cunning  
in sens, and hardy as Galwyn, for his ton-  
swozd hangs at his tablz end: great ower-  
sight hath be in matters of story: For as  
for king Arthur; book, Booke of Burdeaus,  
The fouour suns of Aymon, Beaus of  
hampton, The squyre of lo degra, The  
knight of curteysy, & the Lady Faguell,  
Frederik of Gene, Sy; Cglamoor, Sy;  
Tryamoor. Sy; Lamwell, Sy; Ilen-  
ozas, Sy; Galwyn, Olyuer of the Castl,  
Lucres & Curialas. Virgyls lyfe, The  
castl of Ladyez, The wydo Edith, The  
king & the tanner, Fryar Kous, Howle-  
glas, Gargantua, Robin hood, Adambell  
Clym of the clough & Wyllia a cleoudley,  
The churl & the Burd, The seauen wyse  
Masters, The wyse lapt in a Moxrels  
skyn, The sak full of nuez, The sargeant  
y becam a Fryar, Skogan, Collyn cloot,  
The Fryar & the boy, Clynoz Kunning,  
and the Putbzoun mayd, with many mo  
then

then I rehearſe heer : I beleene he haue  
them all at his fingars ends.

Then in Philosophy both morall & natu-  
rall, I think he be as naturally ooverſeen:  
beſide poetry & Aſtronomy, and oother hid  
ſciences, as I may geſſe by the omberty of  
his books : whearof part as I remember,  
The ſhepards Calender. The ſhip of foolz,  
Daniels Dreame, The book of Fortune,  
Stans puer ad menſam, The hy wey too the  
Spittel hows, Julian of Bzaínſords teſta-  
ment, The Caſtell of Loue, The boget of  
demands, The hundred merry talez, The  
book of Riddels, The ſeauen ſorowz of we-  
men, The proud wiues paſer noſter, The  
chapman of a penitowrth of Wit : Beſide  
his auncient playz. Poorth & charitce, Hik-  
ſkoſner, Pugize, Impacient pouerty, and  
heerwith dooſe Wordz breuiary of health.  
What ſould I rehers heer, what a bunch  
of ballets & ſongs all auncient: As Broom  
broom on bill. So wo iz me begon, trolly lo.  
Duer a whinny Peg. Hey ding a ding. Bo-  
ny laſt vpon a green. My bony on gaue me  
a bek. By a bank as I lay: and a hunderd  
more, he hath ſayd wrapt vp in Parch-  
ment and boound with a whipcord.

And as for Allmanaks of antiquitee,  
(a point for Ephemerides) I ween hee can

theato from Jasper Laet of Antwarpe,  
vntoo Postradam of Frauns, and thens  
vntoo our John Securis of Salsbury.

To stay ye no lenger heerin I dare say he  
hath az sayz a libzary for theez Sciencez,  
and az many goodly Monumens both in  
pzoze & poetry, and at afternoonz can talk  
az mooch withoout book, az ony Inholder  
betwirt Bzainfozd and Bagshot, what ve-  
gree so euer he be.

Wilde this in the field a good marshall at  
musterz: of very great credit & trust in the  
tooun heer, for he haz been chozē Alecunner  
many a yeer, when hiz betterz haue stond-  
by: and euer quited himself with such esti-  
macion, az yettoo for tast of a cup of Pip-  
pitate, hiz iudgment will be taken abooue  
the best in y parish, be hiz noze near so red.

Captain Cor came marching on bal-  
auntly befoze clæn trust & garterd abooue  
the knee, all fresh in a belluet cap (master  
Goldingam lent it him) floozishing with  
hiz tounswoord, and anoother fensmaster  
with him: thus in the foreward makynge  
room for the rest. And after them pzoondly  
prickt on for most, the danish launsknights  
on hozsbak, and then the English: each  
with theyz allder poll martially in theyz  
hand

band . Euen at the first enfree the mee, The coven-  
 ting wart sumwhat warm: that by e by tree play.  
 kindled with coozage abothsidez, gru from  
 a hot skirmish vnto a blazing battayl: first  
 by spear e sheild, ooutragious in their ra-  
 rez a3 ramz at their rut, with furions en-  
 coounterz that too gyther they tumbl too  
 the dust, sometime bo2s e man: and after  
 fall too it with swo2d e target, good bangz  
 a both sidez: the fight so ceassing, but the  
 battayl not so ended, solloed the footmen,  
 both the hossez ton after toother: fyrst  
 marching in ranks: then warlik turning,  
 then from ranks intoo squad2ons, then in  
 too trianglz from that intoo rings, and so  
 wynding oout again: A valiaunt captayn  
 of great p2oowes a3 fiers a3 a for assaunting  
 a gooz, was so hardy too gyue the fyrst  
 stroke: then get they grizly together, that  
 great was the actiuite that day too be seen  
 thear a both sidez: ton very eager so2 pur-  
 chas of p2ay, toother vtterly stoont so2 re-  
 demcion of liberty: thus, quarell enflamed  
 fury aboth sidez. 62 63  
 And wise the Danes had  
 the better, but at the last conflict, beaten  
 doo2wn, ouercom and many led captiue  
 so2 triumph by our English wæmen.

This was the effect of this sheaw, that

as it was handled, made mooch matter of good pastime: brought all indeed into the great court, and vnder her highnes window too haue been seen: but (as vnhappy it was for the byde) that came thither too soon, (yet was it a four a clock). For her highnes beholding in the chamber delectable dauncing indeed: and heerewith the great throng & unruliness of y<sup>e</sup> peopl, was such that this solemnité of Wydeale & dauncing had not the full muster was hoped for: and but a littl of the Couentrée plea her highnes allso saw: commaunded thearfore on the Tuesday following too haue it full out: as accordingly as was presented, whereat her Maiesty laught well: they wear the iocunder, and so mooch the more becaus her highnes had gyuen them too bucks & five mark in money too make mery together. They payd for her Maiesty, long happily too reign and oft too came thither that they mought see her: and what, reioycing vpon their ampl reward, and what, triumping vpon the good acceptauns: they vaunted their play was neuer so dignified, nor euer any players afoze so beatified.

Thus though the day took an end, yet  
 Aipt

slept not the night all sleeping away: for as  
 neyther offis nor obsequy ceased at any  
 tyme too the full, to performe the plot  
 his hono<sup>r</sup> had appoynted: So, after supper  
 was thear a play presented of a very good  
 theam, but so set forth by the Actours  
 well handling, that pleasure & mirth made  
 it seeme very short, though it lasted too  
 good ourz & moze. But stay master Spar-  
 tyn all is not doon yet.

After the play out of hand, folloed a  
 most delicious and (if I may so terme it)  
 an Ambrosiall Banquet: whereof, whither  
 I myght moze moze at the deintyness,  
 shapz & the cost: or els at the varietie and  
 number of the disshes (that wear a three  
 hundred) for my part I could littl tel them,  
 and now less, I assure you. Her maie shew  
 smally or nothing: which vnderstood, the  
 coorsez wear not so orderly serued & sizely  
 set down, but wear by and by as disorderly  
 wasted and coarsly consumed, moze courtly  
 me thought then courteously: But that was  
 no part of the matter, mought it pleas  
 be liked & doo that it cam for, then was all  
 well inoough.

Untoo this banquet thear was appoin-  
 ted a mask: for riches of arry, of an inere-

diſt coſt: but the tyme ſo far ſpent and very late in the night noow, waꝝ cauꝝ that it cam not ſooztb too the weatw. And thus ſoz ſondayꝝ ſeaſon hauing ſtayd yoo the lenger (accoꝝdyng too the matter) beer make I an eend: ye may bꝛeatb ye a while.

Munday. 10

Munday the eyghtheenth of this July, the weather being hot, her highnes kept the Caſtl ſoz coolneſſ, till about ſine a clok her Maieſty in the Chaſe, bunted the hart(aꝝ aſoze) of ſozs: that whyther wear it by the cunning of the hunſmen, oz by the naturall deſyze of the Deer, oz els by both: anon he gat hym too ſoyl again, which reyzed the accuſtomed delight: a paſtyme indeed ſo intyerly pleaſaunt, aꝝ whearof at times whoo may haue the ſull and frée fruition, can find no moꝝe ſacietee (I wœn) ſoz a recreation, then of theyꝝ good biaundes at timeꝝ ſoz their ſuſtentacion.

Pſal. 24.

Triton.

Well, the game waꝝ gotten, and her highnes returning: cam thear vppon a ſwymming Mermayd (that from top too tayl waꝝ an eyghteen foot long) Triton, Neptunes blaſter: whoo, with biꝝ trumpet ſooꝝmed of a wꝝinkld weald, aꝝ her Maieſty



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ſhe was in ſight, gaue ſound very ſhill &  
ſonorous, in ſign he had an ambaffy too  
pronouns: anon her highnes was com-  
men vpon the brydge, to hear unto he made  
his ſiſh to ſwim the ſwifter, and by then  
declared: how the ſupream ſalſipotent  
Monarch Neptune, the great God of the  
ſwelliſg ſeaz, Prins of profundities, and  
ſouuerain Segnior of all Lakez, freſh-  
waterz, Riuers, Crækes, and Golphs: vn-  
derſtanding how a cruell knight, one  
ſyr Broſe ſauns pitye, a moztall enemy  
vnto ladies of eſtate, had long lyeſn about  
the banks of this pool in wayt with his  
hands beere: to diſtreſſe the lady of the lake,  
whereby ſhe hath been reſtrained not only  
fro hauing any uſe of her annient libertye  
& territories in theſe parts: but alſo of ma-  
king repay: & geuing attēdauns vnto yoo  
nobl Quēn (& he) aſ ſhe woold, the pro-  
miſt, and alſo ſhoold: dooth thearfoze ſig-  
nify: and hēerto, of yoo aſ of his god leag  
and dēer frēnd make this request, that ye  
will deyn but too ſheaw yoor parſon to-  
ward this pool, whereby yooz only prezens  
ſhall be matter ſufficient of abandoning  
this vncurſell knight, and putting all his  
bands to flight, and alſo of deliuerans of

the lady out of this thralldom. Mooning  
 heerwith from the brydge & fleeing moze  
 intoo the pool, chargeth be in Neptunes  
 name: both Eolus with all his windey,  
 the waters with his springs, his fysh and  
 fooul, and all his clients in the same, that  
 they ne be so hardy in any foys too stur,  
 but keep them callm & quiet whyle this  
 Queen be prezent. At which petition her  
 highnes staying, it appeerd straight boow  
 sy: Buse became vnseen, his bands ska-  
 led, and the lady by and by, with her too  
 Symphs, floating vpon her moouabl I-  
 lands (Triton on his Permayd skimming  
 by) approached toward her highnes on the  
 brydge: as well too declare that her Ma-  
 iestie prezens bath so graciously thus  
 wrought her deliuerauns, as also to ex-  
 cuse her not comming to court as she  
 promist, and chafly too prezent her Ma-  
 iesty (as a token of her duty & good hart)  
 for her highness recreation with this gift,  
 which was Arion that excellent & famous  
 Musicien, in tye & appoyntment straunge  
 well seeming too his parson, ryding aloft  
 vpon his olde frend the Dolphin, (that  
 from hed too tayl was a fouer & twenty  
 foot long) & stynd hard by thes Ilands:  
 heerwith

herwith Arion too, that great benefite,  
 after a feat well touched woods into  
 her Maiesty of thanks giving, in supple-  
 ment of the same: began a delectable dittie  
 of a song well apted to a melodious nois,  
 compounded of six severall instruments  
 all couert, casting sound from y<sup>e</sup> Dolphins  
 belly within, Arion the leaquent sitting  
 thus singing (as I say) without.

Now say, the dittie in miter so aptly en-  
 dighted to the matter, and after by boys  
 so deliciouly deliuerd: the song by a skilful  
 artist into his parts so sweetly sorted: each  
 part in his instrument so clean & sharply  
 touched, every instrument again in his  
 kind so excellently tunable: and this in the  
 evening of the day, resounding from the  
 callin waters: we hear prizes of her Ma-  
 iesty & longing too like had utterly dani-  
 ped all nois & dyn: the hole harmony con-  
 neyd in tyme, tone, & temper thus incom-  
 parably melodious: with what pleasure  
 (Master Martin) with what sharpnes of  
 concept, with what lyuely delight this  
 moonght pears into the heekers harts: I  
 pray ye imagin yow self as ye may, for so  
 God iudge me, by all the wit & cunning I  
 haue, I cannot exprest, I promis yow, *Mais*

ido bien vien cela Monsieur, que forte grande  
 est la pauuoyr qu' auoit la tresnoble Science  
 de Musique sur les esprites humains. Pero  
 repue ye me? I haue tollo ye a great mat-  
 ter noow. As for me surely I was lallo in  
 such liking & so loth too leane of, y mooch  
 a doo a good whyle after, had I, to finde  
 me whear I was. And take ye this by the  
 way, that for the small skyl in muzik, that  
 God hath sent me (ye kno it iz sumwhat)  
 ile set y moze by my selfe whyle my name  
 iz Lanham, and grace a God. A, muzik iz a  
 nobl Art.

A, Nay a whyle, see a thort wit : by my  
 trooth I had almost forgot . This day  
 was a day of grace besyde, whearin wear  
 auanced syue Gentlemen of woozhippe  
 vnto the degree of knighthood. Sye Tho-  
 mas Cecyll, sun & heye vnto the right ho-  
 norabl the Lord Treazorer , Sye Henry  
 Cobham broother vnto the Lord Cobhā,  
 Sye Thomas Stanhop , Sye Arthur  
 Basset, and Sye Thomas Tresham: and  
 allso by her bigones accustomed mercy &  
 charites , nyne cured of the peynfull and  
 dangerous diseay, called y kings enell,  
 for that kings & Queenz of this Ream,  
 without oother medsin ( saue only by  
 hand.

Knights  
 made.

handling & prayer) only doe cure it. Bear  
with me, though perchance I place not  
they Gentlemen in my recitall her, after  
they estate: for I am neither good be-  
raud of armes, nor yet know how they are  
set in the Subsidy booke. Men of great  
wooership I vnderstand they are all.

Tuesday, according too commaunde, Tuesday. 11  
ment. came our Couentræ men: what  
their matter was, of her highnes myght  
and good acceptauns, and reward vntoo  
them, and of their reioysing therat, I  
shewd you also, and so say the less now.

Wednesday, in the forenoon, prepara- Wednesday. 12  
tion was in hand for her Majesty to haue  
supt in Wedgenall, a thre myle west  
from the Castl. A goodly park of the  
right honoꝛabl, my very good Lord the  
Earl of warwyk: so that can, a say, pa-  
nion, & oother prouision accordingly they  
ther sent & prepared: but by meanz of  
weather not so clærly disposed, the matter  
was countermaunded again. What had  
her highnes hapned this day too haue  
summen abode: there was made rebdy  
a deuise of Goddesse & Nymphes: which  
as well for the ingenioous argument, as  
for the well handling of it in rime & endig-  
ting,

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ting woold vnderstandedly haue gaine great  
lyking & moued no less delight. Of þe par-  
ticularisee; , whearof I ceas to entreat:  
least like the boongling carpentar, by mis-  
soring the peece; , I mar a good frame in  
the bad setting vp , or by my fond tem-  
ping afoze hand embleamish the beauty,  
when it shold be reard vp in deede.

A this day allso waz thear such earnest  
talk & appointment of remouing that I  
gaue ouer my notyng, and harkened after  
my hoys.

Mary sy; I must tell yoo: A; all ende-  
uour waz too moue mirth & pastime (as  
I tolde ye) : euen so a ridiculous deuise  
of an auncient minstrell, & his song waz  
prepared to haue been profferd , if meet  
time & place had been found for it. Ons in  
a wo;shipfull company, whear full ap-  
pointed, he recounted his matter in sozt  
as it should haue been vttered, I chaunsed  
too be: what I noted, heer thus I tell yoo:  
A parson very meet seemed he for the pur-  
pose, of a. xlv. yers olde, apparelled partly  
as he woold him self. His cap of: his hed  
seemly rounded tonster wyze: say; kemb,  
þ with a sponge deintly dipt in a littl ca-  
pons greaz, waz finely smothered to make  
it

it shone like a mallard's wing. His beard  
braughly shaven and yet his shyp after the  
in trunk with roses say: starched, starched &  
glittering like a paye of nu shoos: mar-  
shall in good order: with a setting stik, &  
strowt p' every rus stood bp like a wafer: a  
floe gown of hendall green, after p' fresh-  
nes of p' yere now, gatherd at p' nek with  
a nare goyget, fastned aloze with a white  
clasp & a keper close bp too the chin: but  
eysly for heat too bhdoo when he lyff:  
A finely bragg'd in a red caddis gydd: from  
p' a paye of capped & sheffeld knidez bagging  
a to lde: About of his boozom dyalms sozth  
a lappet of his napkin, edged with a blu  
lace, and marked with a truloone, a hart  
& a D. for Damian: soz he was but a ba-  
chelar yet.

His gooun had lde flæuez down too  
midleg. slyt from the shooulder too the  
hand & lined with white cotton: His doob,  
let flæuez of blak woozsted, upon them  
a paye of poynets of talmy chandel la-  
red a long the weast with bluthredn  
points, a weast toward the hand of sustia  
anapes: a paye of red neatherstoks: a paye  
of pamps on his set with a cross cut at the  
toze soz coynz not na in deede, yet clenly

blakt with soot, & shining as a shoon boorn.  
 About his neck a red rebant sutabl too  
 his gyrdle his harp in god grace dependant  
 befoze him, his wzeft tied too a green  
 lace & hanging by: vnder the gorget of his  
 gown a sayd dragon chayn (pearl & soz)  
 syluer, as a squier minstrell of Spiddilser,  
 that travayld the contrée this soomer sea-  
 son, unto sayrs & wooshipfull men; boou-  
 ses: from his cheyn boong a Schoochion,  
 with metall & cooler resplendant vpon  
 his breast of the auncient armes of Al-  
 lington: vpon a questiō to hear of, he, as one  
 that was well schold, & coold his lesse par-  
 tīt without book too answer at full, a  
 question wear askt him, declared: boow  
 the wooshipfull village of Allington in  
 Spiddilser, well knooen too be one of the  
 most auncient & best tooons in England  
 next London at this day: soz the seythfull  
 frendship of long time sheard, as well at  
 Cooks feast in Aldersgatestreet yērlē  
 vpon holly rood day, as allso at all solem  
 bydeales in the citē of London all the yēer  
 after, in well seruing them of sarmenty  
 soz porage, not ouersod till it be too weak  
 of mylk soz they staton; not yet pyld nor  
 shallked: of cream soz they custards, not  
 frothed



frothed nor thynked with flour, and of  
 butter for theyr pasties, and pypast, not  
 made of well curds, nor gathered of whey  
 in soomer, nor mingled in winter with  
 salt butter waterd or washt: did obteyn  
 long a go the; wooshipfull armes in co-  
 ler & soozm a; ye see; which at the arm; A  
 feld argent, a; the feld & ground in deed  
 webear in the Milkwiuez of this wooshy  
 toon, & euery man els in his faculty doth  
 trade for his living: on a fess Tenny be-  
 tween three milk tankerds proper. The  
 three milk tankerds, a; the proper vessell  
 webear in the substans, & matter of theyr  
 trade is too & fro transported. The fess  
 Tenny, which is a cooler betokening dout  
 & suspition: so a; suspition & good heed ta-  
 king, a; well to their markets & seruants,  
 a; too theyr customer; that they trust not  
 too far, may bring vnto them plate; that  
 is coyned syluer: three, that is sufficient &  
 plenty, for so that number in Armo; may  
 well signify.

For Crest, vpon a wad of ote strawe  
 for a wreath, a boll of surmenty: what  
 (a; ye know) is the most precious gyft  
 of Ceres: and in the midst of it, stycking a  
 doozen ho;rn spow; in a bunch, as the in-

The ho;rn  
 spow;.

Arguments meetest too eafe tormenty po-  
 rage with all : a dozen, as a number of  
 plenty compleat for full cheer or a banquet.  
 and of horn, as of a substances more esta-  
 mabl then it is made for a great deel : being  
 neyther so churlish in weyght as it is meth-  
 tall : nor so frostward & bytill too manure,  
 as stone: nor yet so soilly in ble, nor rough  
 to the lips as wood is : but lyght, pleyant  
 & smooth, that with a littl licking wooll at-  
 wey be kept as cleen as a dy. With your  
 paciens Gentlemen ( & the minstrell ) be  
 it sayd, wear it not in deed that horns be  
 so plenty, hornware I beleue woold be  
 more set by than it is: and yet are thear in  
 our parts that wyll not styk to answ,  
 that many an honest man both in Citee &  
 cūtree hath had his house by horning well  
 bpholdden, and a dayly freend allso at  
 need. And this with your fauour may I  
 further affyrm: a very idgeniocus parson  
 was he, that for dignitee of the stuff, coold  
 thus by spooning deuize, to aduans the  
 horn so neer to the bed.

With great congruens also wear theez  
 hornspoonz put to the wheat, as a token &  
 porzion of Cornucopie, the horn of Ache-  
 lous, which the Naiades dyd fyll with all  
 good

good frutes, cozn, & grain, and after dñ cō-  
secrate vntoo abooundauns and plenty.

This skoochion with beasts very aptly  
agreeing both too the armz & too the trade  
of the bearerz, gloziously supported: Be-  
tween a gray Mare (a beast meetest for  
carrying of mylktankards) her pannell on  
her bak, a; alwayz redde for seruise at  
euery feast & bydeale at need, her tayl  
splayd at most eaz, and her filly sole, fallo  
& a flaren mane after the syze.

In the skro vndergrauen (¶ he) is thear Salern.ca.9.  
a proper woord, an hemistichi, well squa-  
ring withall the rest, taken out of Salerns  
chapter, of things that most noozish mans  
body: Lac, Caseus infans. What is good  
milk & yong cheez. And thus moch Gintl-  
men, and plea; yoo (¶ he) for the armz of  
our woorthypfull tooun. And thear with,  
all made a manerly leg, and so held his  
peas.

A; the company palyed & the minstrell  
seemd to gape after a prayz for his Beau-  
parler: and bicanz he had renderd his les-  
son so well. Sai; a good fello of the cum-  
pany, I am sozry to see how mooch the  
pooze minstrell mistake; the matter: for  
in deed the armz ar thus.

Thre milk tankers proper in a feld  
 of clouted cream: thre green cheez; upon  
 a sheaf of cakebread. The fermenty boole  
 & boznsponz, canz thear profit comz all by  
 horned beasts. Supported by a mare  
 with a galld bak, & thearfoze styll couered  
 with a pannell, syking with her tayl for  
 flyez, and her fylly sole neyng after the  
 dam for suk. This woord Lac, Causus in-  
 fans. That is, a fresh cheez & cream, & the  
 common cry that thre; mylk winez make  
 in London streets yearly, betwixt Easter  
 & Whitsontide: and this iz the very mat-  
 ter I kno it well inooough, and so ended  
 his tale, and late him dooun again.

Herat euery man laught a good, saue  
 the minstrell: that though the fool wear  
 made priuy, all waz but for spozt, yet too  
 see him self thus crost with a contrary ku  
 that he lookt not for, woold straight haue  
 geen ouer all, wart very wayward, eager  
 & soour: hoo w be it last by sum entreaty  
 & many sayd woords, with sak & suger, we  
 sweetned him again, and after becam a  
 mery as a py. Apperz then a fresh, in  
 his ful formalitee with a louely look, after  
 thre loly courtesez, clerd his boots with a  
 hem & a reach, and spat oout withall, wy-  
 ped

ped his lips with the bollo of his hand, for  
 syng his napkin, temperd a string o2 too  
 with his weast: and after a littl warb-  
 ling on his harpe for a prelude, cam for2th  
 with a sollem song, warraunted for story King Ar-  
thurs book.  
 out of king Arthur's acts, the first booke and  
 26. Chapter, whereof I gat a copy, and that  
 is this.

**S**o it befell vpon a Pentecost day,  
 When king Arthur at Camelot kept Court riall,  
 With his comly Quen dame Gaynoour the gay,  
 And many bolde Barons sittynge in hall,  
 Ladys apparaild in purpl & pall,  
 When heraulds in hukes herryed full by  
 Largest Largest cheualiers treshardy.

**A** douty dwarf too the vppermost deas  
 Right peartly gan prik and knœling on knœ,  
 With steenen full stoont amids all the preas,  
 Sayd hail sy2 king, God thes same and see:  
 King Ryens of Northgalez greeteth well thee,  
 And bids that thy beard anon thoon him send,  
 Or els from thy iawe2 he wyl it of rend.

**F**or his robe of state, a rich skarlet mantell,  
 With a leauen kings beards bo2dred about,  
 He hath made late, and yet in a cantell

33 left a place the twelth to make rout:  
We hear thin must stand, be thou neuer so stout.  
This must be doon I tell the no fable,  
How gre the pour of all thy round table.

When this mortall message fro his mouth was past  
Great was the bente in hall & in boour:  
The king fumed, y queen shryked, lady wear agast,  
Princes puffed, Barons bluffed, Lords began to lour,  
Knights stamp, Squires start, daz steds in a stour  
Peemen & Page: yeald out in the hall,  
Thearwith cam in sy: way the Seneschall.

Thylens my suffrain: quod the curtyze knight,  
And in that stound the chearme becam still,  
The dwarfs dynner full deerly was dyght,  
For wyne & wastl he had his wyll,  
And when he had erten & sed his fyll,  
One hundred peeces of coynded gold,  
Thear giuen the dwarf for his message bolde.

Say too sy: Apens thou dwarf quod the king,  
That for his pround message I him dese,  
And shortly with basyn & pan: will him ring  
Dout of Northgale: whear as he and I  
With sweards & no rayzer: shall vterly try  
Which of vs both is the best barber:  
And thearwith he took his sword Crealaber.

At this, the minstrell made a pany & a  
curtze, for Primus passus. More of the  
song is hear, but I gat it not. As for the  
matter had it cum to the sheaw, I think  
the fello wold haue handled it well i-  
noough.

Her highnes carryed at Kyllingworth  
till the wednesday after, being the .27. of  
this July, and the nienteenth (inclusive) of  
her Maiesties cumming thither.

For which seauen daiz, percepuing my  
notez so slenderly answering: I took it  
less blame, too ceas & thearof too wryte y<sup>e</sup>  
nothing at al, the in such matterz too wryte  
nothing likely. And so mooch the rather  
(as I haue well bethought me) that if I  
shd but ruminat the dayz I haue spoken  
of, I shall bring oout yet samwhat more,  
next for yoor appetite, (thoogh a deinty  
tooth haue ye) which I beleue yoor tender  
Stomak will bzyok well inoough.

As beare of part is: fyrst hoo w according The sea-  
to her highnes name ELIZABETH, uent.  
which I heer say oout of the Hebru signi-  
fieth, (amoong oother) the Seauenth of my  
God: dinerz things heer, did soo instly in  
number square with the same. As fyrst,  
her highnes hither cumming in this sea-

nenth moonth : then , presented with the  
seauen presents of the seauen Gods : and  
after , with the melody of the seauen soz  
ted Musick in the dollphin, the Lakeladye  
gyst.

Then too consider, how fully the Gods  
(as it seemed) had conspyred most magni  
ficently in abounds too bestow they  
influences & gyfts vpon her court thear,  
too make her Maiesty merry.

Saturn &  
Pallas,

Sage Saturn himself in parson (that bi  
cauz of his lame leg could not so well stir)  
in they thearsoze too take order with the  
grau officerz of household, holpen in dæd  
with the good aduise of his prudent Peef  
Pallas : That no vnruly body or disquiet,  
disturb the nobl assemblée, or els be ons so  
bold too enter within the Castl gatez.

Awey with all rascallz, captiue z , melani  
cholik, wayward, froward, conirerz, and  
bzurers , and too haue labozers & vnder  
woozkmen soz y beautifying of ony place,  
alwey at hand as they shold be commaū  
ded.

Iupiter.

Iupiter. Sent parsonagez of hy honoz  
& dignitee: Barons, Lords, Ladiez, Iugez,  
Bishops, Lawyerz, Doctors : with them,  
vertu, noblness, equitee, liberalitee & cōpas  
sion:



on: due seazõ, & say: weather: Sauiing that  
 at the petition of his deer sister Ceres, he  
 graüted a day o2 too of sun sweet shour;  
 fo2 rypening of her co2n that waz so well  
 set, & too set fo2ward baruest: Deerwith.  
 bestoed he such plenty of pleazant thun-  
 der, lightning, & thunderbolts: by his hal-  
 ting sun & spermaster, Vulcan, still fresh & Vulcan,  
 fresh framed: alwey; so frequent, so intel-  
 labl, & of such continuauns in the spending  
 (a; I partly told ye) cõsumed: that surely  
 he seem; too be a; of poour inestimabl: so,  
 in stoze of municion, vntwastabl: Fo2 all  
 Ouids censure that saiz.

*Si, quoties peccant homines sua fulmina mittat  
 Iupiter: exiguò tempore inermis erit.*

If Ioue shoold shoot his thũderbolts a; oft a; mō offend,  
 Asure yoo his artillery woold soon be at an end.

What a number of estate; & of nobi-  
 lités had Iupiter assembled thear, geß ye  
 by this: that of the sozt twõ; shipfall thear  
 wear in the court dayly aboue fourty,  
 whearof the meynest, of a thousand mark  
 yerly reuenu, and many of mooch more.  
 This great gyft beside, dyd his deitē cast  
 vpon her highnes, ' too haue say: & seazo-  
 nabl weather at her oon appointment:

According whearunto, her Maiesty so  
had. For her gracious pzezens thearfoze  
with this great gyft endewd, Lichfeld,  
Worcester, and Middelton, with many  
placez mo, made humbl sute vntoo her  
highnes too cam: too soch whearof as her  
maiesty coulde, it cam: and they seazon ac-  
ceptabl.

Phœbus.

Phœbus, Beside his continuall & most  
delicious muzik (as I haue tolde yoo) ap-  
pointed he Princes too adourn her high-  
nez court, Counselerz, Verands, and  
sanguine youth, pleasaunt & mery, costly  
garments, learned Physicianz, & no nede  
of them.

Iuno.

Iuno. Cold cheyns, Duches, Jewels  
of great pzeice & rich attyre, worn in much  
grace & good beseming without pzeide, or  
emulation of ony.

Mars.

Mars. Captainz of god conduct, Men  
skylfull in feats of armz, pollitik in stra-  
tagemz, Good corage in good quarels, va-  
liant, & wizehardy: Abandoning pikquar-  
rels & ruffianz: appointing allso purry-  
uants, curraz & postz still feeding her  
highnes with nuz & intelligencez from  
all parts.

Vener.

Venus, Vntoo the Ladyez & Gentl-  
women

Women: beauty, good fauoor, cumlineſſ,  
galāt attyre, dauncing with cumly grace,  
ſweet vois in ſong & pleaſaunt talk: with  
expzeſſ commaundment & charg vnto her  
ſunn on her bleſſing, that he ſhoot not a  
ſhaſt in the Court all the while her high-  
nes remayned at Billingwoozth.

Mercuri. Learned men in Sciencez, Mercuri.  
Poets, Merchants, Painterz, Baruerz,  
Playerz, Engynerz, Deuiſerz & dexteritee  
in handling of al pleaſaunt attempts.

Luna. Calm nights ſoz quiet reſt, and Luna  
ſyluer moonſhine, that nightly in deed  
thoneſoz moſt of her Maiesty beeing  
theare.

Blinde Plutus. Bags of moony, Cuſtū Plutus.  
merz, Erchaungerz, Bankers, ſtoze of  
riches in plate & in coyn.

Bacchus. Full-Cups every whear, & Bacchus  
uery oour, of all kynds of wyne.

I hear waz no deintee that the Sea Neptune.  
roold yeld, but Neptune (thoough his  
reign at the neereſt ly well ny a hundred  
mile of) did dayly ſend in great plenty,  
ſweet and freaſh. As ſoz freaſhwater fiſh,  
the ſtoze of all ſortz waz abundaunt.

And hoo w bountifull Ceres in pzouizion Ceres.  
waz, geſſ ye by this: that in lyttl moze then

a thzee dayz space. 72. tunn of Ale & Beer  
 wa; ppept bp quise : what that might  
 whilst with it of b;ead beside meat , I re-  
 port me to you. And yet master Control-  
 ler, Master Coserar and diuers officerz of  
 the Court , sum honozabl, and sundry  
 right woozshipfull : placed at Warwik  
 for moze rooom in the Castl . But  
 beer wa; no ho Master Martin in de-  
 uoout dzinkyng allwey : that bzought a  
 lak vnlookt for : which beeing knoen too  
 the woozshipfull , my Lords good neygh-  
 boourz, cam thear in a tow dayz space, from  
 sundry freendz : a relief of a xl. tunn, till  
 a nu supply wa; gotten again : and then  
 too our dzinking a fresh , a; fast a; euer  
 we did.

Flora.

Flora. Abzode & within the hoons mini-  
 stred of flour; so great a quantitee: of such  
 swet sauour, so beautifully hued, so large  
 and sayz of propozcion, and of so strange  
 kinde; & shape; , that it wa; great plea-  
 sure to se: and somwch the moze, a; thear  
 wa; great stoze yet coounterfet & fowmed  
 of feather; by art , lyke glozious too the  
 sheaw a; wear the naturall.

Protheus.

Protheus. Viz Tumbler that could  
 by nymbelness cast him self intoo so ma-  
 ny

ny footmes & facions.

Pan. *Hiz* mery mozyrs dawns with their Pan,  
pype & taber.

Bellona. Her quintine knights & proper Bellona,  
bickerings of the Conventree men.

Polyphemus. Neptunez sun & hey2 (let Polyphemus  
him I pray & it be but for his fatherz sake, mus,  
and for his good wyll, be allowed for a  
God, with his beaz; his beartwheals and  
bandogs.

Aolus. Holding vp his wyndez, while Aolus.  
her highnes at anytyme took pleasure on  
the water, and staying of tempests during  
abode heer.

Sylvanus. Beside his plentifull prouizion Sylvanus.  
of sooul for deyntye viandz, his pleazant  
& sweet synging byrds: whearof I wyll  
heare yoo moze anon.

Echo. Her well endightet diales. Echo.

Faunus. *Hiz* toly Savage. Faunus.

Genius loci. *Hiz* tempzing of all things Genius.  
within & withoout, with apt tyme & place  
too pleasure & delight.

When the thre Charites: Aglaia, Chariter.  
with her lyghtsum gladnes. Thalia her  
floozyshing freshnes. Euphrosyne, her  
cheerfulness of spirite, and with theez  
thre in one assent Concordia: with  
her

her amitie & good agreement. That  
 too boole great effects their poore; wear  
 poured out heer among vs, let it be  
 iudged by this: that by a multytude  
 thus met of a thzee or foure thousande  
 uery day: and diuer; day; more, of so sun-  
 dery degrees, professions, ages, appetytz,  
 dispositions & affections: such a drift of  
 tyme was thear passed, with such amitie,  
 looue, pastime, agrement, and obediens  
 whear it shoold: and without quarell, iar-  
 ring, grudging, or (that I coold heer) of yll  
 woozd betwenn any. A thing master Mar-  
 tin very rare & straunge, and yet no more  
 straunge then tru.

Parca.

The Parca (as earst I shoold haue sayd)  
 the first night of her Maiestie; comming:  
 they heering & seeing so pzeious adw heer,  
 at a place vnlookt for, in an vplōdish Can-  
 tre, so far within the Reame: pzeassing in  
 too euery steed whear her highnes went,  
 whearly soduddo with such varietee of  
 delygths, dyd set a syde their huswifry,  
 coold not for their harts tend their wo;rk  
 a whyt. But after they had seern her Ma-  
 iesty a bed, gat them a pzying intoo eue-  
 ry place: olld hags, as sond of nuellries, as  
 yuoung girls that had neuer seen Court a  
 fore,

foze: but neyther full, with gazing nor  
 wery with gadding, least of yet for that  
 time, and at high midnight, gate them  
 gigling, (but not alooud) into the pzezens  
 Chamber: minding in dæd with their pze-  
 zent diligens, too recompens their former  
 slaknes.

So, setting themseluez thus dooun to  
 their woork: alas say: Atropos I have  
 lost my sheer: Lachesis laught apace and  
 woold not draw a threed: And thinke ye  
 dame: that ile hold the distaff whyle both  
 ye syt idle: why no by my moother: soll q  
 Clotho. I hear with say: lapt in a fine  
 lawn the spindell & rok, that was dyend  
 with pure purpl sylk, leed they safely by  
 togyther: that of her Maiestyez distaff for  
 an eighteen day: thear was not a threed  
 spoon I assure yow.

The too systers after that, (I hard say)  
 began their woork again: y long may they  
 continu, but Atropos hard no tydings of  
 her sheers, and not a man that moneo her  
 lost. She iz not beloued surely, for this can  
 I tell yoo: that whither it be for hate to  
 the bag, or looue to her highnes, or els for  
 both: euery man pray: God she may ne-  
 uer find them for that woork, and so pray I

dayly & duly with the deuoutest:

Thus partly ye perceyue now, how  
greatly the Gods can doe for mortals, and  
how much allwey they loue whear they  
like: that what a gentl Ioue was this,  
thus curteously too contraine heer such a  
trem of Gods: May then rather, master  
Martin (too cum out of our poeticalitez,  
& too talk no moze serious tearms) what  
a magnificent lord may we iustly account  
him, that could so highli cast order for such  
a Jupiter & al his Gods besyde: that none,  
with his influens, good property or pzeſent  
wear waiting: but all alweis redy at hand  
in such order & aboundans for the hono-  
ring & delight of so by a Prins, our most  
gracious Quēn & Souerain. A Prins (I  
say) so singuler in pzeeminens & wort-  
hines aboone all oother Princes & digniteez  
of our time: though I make no compari-  
son too peerz past. Too him that in this  
point, either of ignozans (if any such can  
be) or els of maleuolens woold make any  
doout: Sic liber iudex (as they say) let him  
look on the matter, and aunswer himself,  
he haz not far too franel.

As for the amplitude of his Lordships  
mynde: all be it that I pooz sooll can in  
con-



conceit no moze attaine vntoo, then iudge  
of a gem weare of I haue no skill : ye,  
thoogh daily woꝝn & resplendaunt in mine  
ey : Yet sum of the vertuze & propertiez  
thereof, in quantitie oꝝ qualitee so appa-  
raunt a; cannot be hidde but seene of all  
men, moonght I be the boolder too rea-  
porth her vntoo ym; but a; soꝝ the valu, yooꝝ  
iewellers by their carrets let them cast &  
they can.

And fyꝛst : who that considerz, vntoo  
the statelie seat of Kenelwoꝝth Castell, the  
rare beauty of bylding that his honoꝝ hath  
aunsuned : all of the hard quarry stone : e-  
uery room so spacious, so well belighted,  
and so by roofed within . So seemly too  
light by du pꝛopoztio without : a day time  
on euery side so glyttering by glass : a  
nights, by continuall brightnes of candell  
fyꝛe & toꝝchlight transparent thoogh the  
lyghtsom wyndz, a; it wear the Egyptian  
Pharos relucet vntoo all the Alexandꝛian  
coast : oꝝ els (too talk merily with my  
mery freend) thus radiaunt, a; thoogh  
Phoebus soꝝ his eaz woold reast him in the  
Castell, and not euery night so too frauell  
dooun vntoo the Antipodes . Heertoo so  
fully furnisht of rich apparell & vtensiles

The Gar-  
den.

apted in all points to the best.

Untoo this, his honoꝝ exquisit appoint-  
ment of a beautifull Garden, an aker oꝝ  
moze of quantitie that lyeth on the north  
theare. Thearein hard all along the Castl  
wall is reared a pleasaunt Terres of a  
ten foot by a twelue bꝛode: eeuē vnder  
foot & fresh of fyne grass: as is allso the syde  
theareof toward the gardein, in which by  
sundry equall distaunces: with obelisks,  
sphearz, and white bearez all of stone vpon  
theyꝝ curiowz basez, by goodly sheaw wear  
set: too theez, too fine arberz redolent by  
sweet trees & flourish, at each end one. The  
garden plot vnder that, with sayꝝ allerz  
green by grass, eeuē voided from the boꝝ-  
derz a both sydes, and sum (foꝝ chaunge)  
with sand, not light oꝝ too soft, oꝝ soilly by  
dust, but smooth & fyne, pleasaunt too  
walk on, as a sea shoꝝe when the water is  
auailo: then, mooch gratified by duꝝpo-  
porcion of fouꝝ euen quarterz: in yꝝ midst  
of each, vpon a base a too foot square & by,  
sæmly beꝛderd of it self, a square pilaster  
rizing pyꝛamidally of a fyfteen foot hy:  
Symmetrically ꝑerced thꝛough from a foot  
beneath, vntill a too foot of the top: wheare  
vpon, foꝝ a Capitell, an Oꝝb of a ten in-  
ches

ches thik : euery of thez (with bi: base)  
 from the groound too the top of one hole  
 pæs, beawen oout of hard Pozphiry, and  
 with great art & heed (thinks me) thyther  
 conueyd & thear erected.

Whear further allso by great cast & cost  
 the sweetnes of sauour on all sides, made  
 so respiraunt from the redolent plants &  
 fragrant earbs & flouourz, in soozm, cooler  
 & quantitee so deliciously variaunt:  
 & frute Trees bedecked with their Applz,  
 Beares & rype Cherryez.

And vntoo theez in the midst, against  
 the Terres: a square Cage, sumptuous The Cage.  
 & beautifull, ioyned hard too the Pozth-  
 wall (that a that syde gards the gardein,  
 az the gardein the Castl) of a rare sozm &  
 excellency waz reyzed: in heyth a twenty  
 foot, thyzty long, and a soourteen bzode.

From the ground strong & close, reared  
 bzest by, whearat a Soyl of a sayz mool-  
 ding waz couched all aboout: From  
 that bpward, four great wyndo: a front,  
 and too at each end, euery one a five foot  
 wide, az many mo euen aboue them: di-  
 uided on all parts by a Transum & Archi-  
 traue so lykelwize raunging aboout the  
 Cage. Each wyndo arched in the top &

parted from oother, in euen distauns by  
 flat say2 bolteld Columns, all in soozm &  
 beauty lyke, that suppo2ted a cumly Co2-  
 nish couched all along vpon y hole square.  
 Which, with a wyze net, finely knit,  
 of mashez sixe square, an inch wyde (az it  
 wear for a flat roof) and likewise the space  
 of euery wyndo: with great cunning &  
 cumlynes, euen & tight was all ouer strai-  
 ned. Under the Coznish again, euery part  
 beautified with great Diamonds, Eme-  
 rauds, Rubyes and Saphyres: poynted,  
 tabld, rok & roound: garnisht with they2  
 golld, by skyllfull bed & band, and by toyl &  
 pensyl, so lyuely exp2ess, az it moought bee  
 great marueyl, and pleasure to consider  
 how neer excellensy of art could app2och  
 vntoo perfection of nature.

Wear with me good contréman, though  
 things be not sheawd heer az well az I  
 woold, oz az well az they shoold. For in  
 ded I can better imagin & cōceyue that I  
 see, the well vtter oz duly declare it. Holes  
 wear thear allso & cauerns in ozderly di-  
 stauns & facion, voyded intoo the wall: az  
 well for heat, for coolnez, for roost a night  
 & refuge in weather, az allso for b2eeding  
 when tyme iz. Moze, say2 seven & fressh  
 holly

holly trees for pearching & prouning set  
within, too ward each end one. Werto,  
their diuersitie of meats, they fine leaues  
rall vessels for they water, and sundry  
grains. And a man skyllfull & diligent too  
look too them & tend them.

But (shall I tell you) the siluer sounded  
Lute, withoout the sweet tooch of hand:  
the glorioous goolden Cup, withoout the  
fresh fragrant wine: or the rich ring with  
gem, withoout the saye featherd synger:  
is nothing in deed in his proper grace &  
ble: Ceuen so his honoz accounted of this  
manshon, till he had plasse thear tenaunts  
acording. Had it thearfoze replenisht  
with liuely burds, English, French, Spa-  
nish, Canarian, and (I am deceyued if I  
saw not sum) African. Whearby, whi-  
ther it becam moze delightsum in chaunge  
of tunes & armony too the ear: or els in  
differens of coollers, kynds, & propertyes  
too the ey, I le tell you if I can when I  
haue better bethought me.

One day (Maister Martin) as the Gardin  
doz was open, & her highnes a hunting, by  
licens of my god frend Adria, I cam in at  
a bek, but wold skant oout with a thrust:  
for sure I was looth so soon too depart.

The Gardin  
ner,

Well

Well may this (Matter Martyn) be  
 somewhat too magnitude of minde, but  
 more thearof as ye shall kno, more can  
 ye shall haue so too think: bær out what I  
 tell yoo, and tell me when we meet.

The Foun-  
 tain.

In the center (as it wear) of this goodly  
 Gardein, was theer placed, a very fayr  
 Fountaine, cast into an eight square, re-  
 red a four foot hy: from the midst whear  
 of a Colum by set in shape of too Ach-  
 lants ioynd together a backhalfe, the toun  
 looking East, toother west: with theyr  
 hands, vphollding a fayr soozmed boll of a  
 thre foot ouer: from wheans sundry fine  
 pipez, did liuely distyll continuall streamz  
 intoo the recept of the ffontayn: mayn-  
 teyned styll too foot deap by the same fresh  
 falling water: whearin pleazantly play-  
 ing too & fro & round about: Carp, Tench,  
 Bream, and for varietee, Pearch & Cel,  
 fysh saylyking all & large, In the top,  
 the ragged Staff. which, with the boll, the  
 piller, and eight sydes beneath, wear all  
 heaueu oout of rich & hard white Marble.  
 A one syde, Neptune with his Tridentall  
 Fuskin triumphing in his Throne, tray-  
 led intoo the deap by his marine boyses.  
 On an other, Thetis in her chariot drawn  
 by

by her dollphins . Then Triton by his  
 sythes . Her Protheus hearing his sea  
 bulz . Hear Doris and her dooughterz so  
 lacyng a sea & sandz . The waues soour-  
 ging with froth & fume , entermengled in  
 place , with whales , whirpoolz , Sturgeonz ,  
 Tunneyz , Conchs & wealks : all engraued  
 by erquist deuize & skyll , so az I may  
 think this not mooch inferiour vntoo  
 Phoebeus gatez , which (Ouid sayz) & perad-  
 nētur a pattern to this) y Vulcane himself  
 dyd cut : whearof such waz the excellency  
 of art , that the woork in balu surmoun-  
 ted the stoff , and yet wear the gatez all of  
 cleane massy syluer .

Metam. 1

Her wear thinges ye see , moought en-  
 flame onymynde too long after looking:  
 but whoo so waz found so hot in desyre,  
 with the weast of a Cok waz sure of a  
 colar : water sporting vpward with such  
 vehemency , az they shood by & by be moy-  
 stned from top too to . The heez to sunn  
 laughing , but the sheez to moze sport.  
 This sumtime waz occupied too very good  
 pastime .

A Garden then so appointed , as whear  
 in a loft vpo swæt shadoed walk of Ter-  
 res , in heat of Soomer , to feel the plea-

zaüt whyfking wynde abooue, o2 delectabl  
 coolnes of the fountaine fpring beneath:  
 Too taft of delicious ftrawberiez, cher-  
 ryez & oother frutez æue from their ftalks:  
 To fmall fuch fragrancy of fweet odoourz:  
 breathing from the plants earbs & flouourz:  
 Too heer fuch naturall melodious mu-  
 zik & tunez of burds: Too haue in ey, for  
 myzth fumtyme theez vnderfpringing  
 freamz: then, the woods, the waterz (for  
 both pool & chafe wear hard at hād in fight)  
 the deer, the pcepl (that out of the Caft  
 arber, in the bafe court. allfo at hand in  
 view) the frute trees, the plants, the earbs,  
 the flouourz, the chaunge in coolerz, the  
 Burds flittering, the Fountain fream-  
 ming, the fflyh fwimming: all in  
 fuch delectabl varietee, o2der and dignitee:  
 whereby at one moment, in one place, at  
 hand without trauell too haue fo full frui-  
 tion of fo many Gods blessings, by entyer  
 delight vntoo all fenfez (if all can take) at  
 once: for Etymon of the woord wozthy  
 too be calld Paradis: and though not fo  
 goodly as Paradis for want of the fayr  
 ryuerz, yet better a great deel by the lak  
 of fo vnhappy a tree. Argument moft cer-  
 tein of a right nobl minde, that in this fozt  
 could

Paradifus.  
 Græc.  
 Hortus a-  
 mœnis.  
 Aut He-  
 braic. Par-  
 des id est.  
 Hortus.



would have thus all contriued.

But Master Martin, yet one wyndless  
must I featch, to make ye one moze sayz  
twoz and I can. And cau3 I speak of one:  
let me tell yoo a littl of the dignitie of one,  
hod: whearin allwey3, ail by Deitee, all  
Sooneraintee, Pæminens, Pzincipalitæ  
and Concord withoout possibilitæ of disa-  
græment iz conteyned. As one God, one  
Sauicour, one Feyth, one Pzins, one Sū,  
one Phenix, and as one of great wizdom  
sayz: One hart, one wey. Wehear onehod  
reinz: thear quiet bearz rule, & discozt fliez  
a pale. Thæe again, may signify, compa-  
ny, a meeting, a multitude, plaralitæ: so  
as all talez and numbzings from too vntoo  
thæe, & so vplward may well be coounted  
numberz, till they moount vnto infinitæ,  
or els too confuzion: which thing, the sum  
of Too cā neuer admit: noz it selfe can well  
be coounted a number, but rather a frænd-  
le coniunction of too onez: that kæeping in  
a sinceritæ of accord, may purpozt vntoo  
bz, Charitæ each too othar, mutuall loone,  
agræment & integritæ of friendship with-  
oout dissimulation. As iz in theez. The  
too Testaments. The too Tabls of the  
Law, The too great lights; Duo lumina-

the nūber. 1

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ia magna: The Sun and Moon . And but  
 mark a lyttl I pray , and see how of all  
 things in the woorld, our tooings in talk  
 doo allwey; so redily trip vpon tooz, payz  
 & cooplz : sumtyme; az of things in equa-  
 litee , sumtime of differens, sumtyme of  
 contraryez, or for comparizon : but cheefly  
 for the most part , of things that between  
 them seluez do well agree & ar fast linked  
 in amitee: As fyrst for pastyme; : hounds  
 & halws: deer, red & fallo, hare & fox , par-  
 trich & sezaunt, fysh & fooul, carp and tench.  
 For warz, spear & sheeld , hors & harneys,  
 sword & bukler : for sustenauns , wheat &  
 barley, peas & beanz , meat & drink, bread  
 & meat, beer & ale, appls & pearz.

But least by such dualiteez I draw you  
 too far : let vs heer stay , and cum neerer  
 home . See what a sort of freendly bini-  
 tee; wee our seluez do consist & stond v-  
 pon. First our too feet, too legs, too kneez,  
 so bpward: and aboue, too shoolderz , too  
 armz & too hands . But cheefly our prin-  
 cipall Too, that iz. body & soll : then in the  
 hed wehear all our sensez meet , and all-  
 most all in Too; : too nozethills, too earz  
 & too eyz. So ar we of freendly Too; , from  
 top to to . Well, to this number of bini-  
 tee;.

tees, take ye one mo for an byshot, & heer  
an end. Too dyallz ny vntoo the batil-  
ments ar set aloft vpon tw of the sydes of

The too  
diallz.

Cezars tour: one East, thoother South:  
for so stond they best to thew the ourz  
too the tooon & contra: both, saye, large &  
rich, by byse for ground & golde too letterz:  
wherby they glitter cōspicuous a great  
wey of. The clockbell that is good & shrill,  
was commaunded too silens at fyft, and  
in deed sang not a note all the while her  
highnes was there, the clock stood also still  
withall. But mark noow: whither wear  
it by chauns, by constellation of starz, or  
by fatall appointment (if fatez & starz doo  
deal with dyallz). Thus was it in deed:  
The hands of both the tablz stood fyrm &  
fast allwey: pooynting to iust tw a clock,  
Oyll at tw a clock. Which thing beholding  
by hap at fyft: but after, seriously mar-  
king in deed: empynted vntoo me a deep  
sign & argument certein. That this thing  
amoong the rest was for full significans  
of his Lordships honozabl, frank, freendly  
& nobl hart toward all estatez. Which,  
whither cum they too stay & take cheer, or  
straight too return: too see or too be seen:  
cum they for duty too her Maiesty or looue

The diallz  
at.ii. a clock

too hiꝝ Loꝝdſhip, oꝛ foꝛ both : Cum they  
 early oꝛ late: foꝛ h'ꝝ Loꝝdſhips part, they  
 cum allweyꝝ all at too a clok, æn iump at  
 too a clock : That iꝝ too ſay, in good hart,  
 good acceptauns, in amittæ, and frændly  
 wellcoom . Who ſaw els that I ſaw, in  
 right muſt ſay aꝝ I ſay . foꝛ ſo many  
 things byſide, Maſter Humfrey, wear  
 heerin ſo conſonant vntoo my conſtrudicō,  
 that thiꝝ poyniting of the clok, (too my ſelf)  
 I took in amittæ aꝝ an Oꝛacl certein . And  
 heer iꝝ my wyndleſſ, lyke yooꝛ cooꝛs aꝝ  
 pleaꝝ ye.

But nooꝛw ſyꝛ too cum to ænd . foꝛ re-  
 ceuying of her highnes, & entertainment  
 of all thooother eſtateꝝ : Syns of delicatꝝ  
 that ony wey moought ſerue oꝛ delight: aꝝ  
 of wyne, ſpyce, deinty viaunds, plate, mu-  
 zik, oꝛnaments of hoous, rich arras & ſilk,  
 (too ſay nothing of the meaner things) the  
 maſſ by pꝛouizion waꝝ heaped ſo hoouge,  
 which the boounty in ſpending did after  
 bewꝛay . The concept ſo deep in caſting  
 the plat at ſyꝛſt . Such a wiꝝdome and cun-  
 ning in acquiring things ſo rich, ſo rare,  
 and in ſuch abundauns : by ſo immens  
 & pꝛofuſe a charge of expens . Which by ſo  
 honoꝛabl ſeruis & erquifit oꝛder, curteizy  
 of

of officer; and humanitee of al, wear after  
so boountifullly bestowed & spent : what may  
this expzeſſ, what may this ſet oout vntoo  
vs, but only a magnifyk minde, a ſingular  
wiſdome, a princely purſe, and an heroicall  
hart : If it wear my theame Maſter Mar-  
tyn, too ſpeake of his Lordſhips great ho-  
nor & magnificens, though it be not in me  
to ſay ſufficiently, a; had a penclark a; I  
am, yet could I ſay a great deele more.

But beeing heer now in magnificens  
& matters of greatnes : it fall; well too  
mynde. The greatnes of his hono; Tent,  
that for her Maieſtic; dyning was pight  
at long Ichingto, the day her highnes came  
to Kyllingwoorth Caſtl. A Tabernacle in-  
ded for number & ſpyt of large & goodly  
room; for ſay; & eaſy office; : both inward,  
& outward all ſo likeſu in order & eyſight:  
that iuſtly for dignitee may be comparabl  
with a beautifull Pallais, & for greatnes  
& quatitee with a proper Town, or rather  
a Cittadell. But to be ſhort, leaſt I keep  
yo too long from the Ryall exchaunge  
now, and to cau; yo conceyue mooch  
matter in ſeaſeleſſ words : The Iron  
bedſted of Og the king of Baſan, (ye wot)  
was foure yards & a half long, and too  
yards

The great  
Tent.

Deut. 3

yards wide, whearby ye consider a Count of a great proportion was he. This Tent had seauen cart lode of pynz perteyning too it: now for the greatnesse, tell as ye can.

And great as it was (to marshall our matters of greatnes together) not forgetting a Weather at Grafton, brought too the court, that for body & wolle was exceeding great: the measure I toke not. Let me shew you with what great marueyl a great Chylde of Leyceter shyre, at this long Echington, by the parents was presented: great (I say) of limz & proportion, of a foure foot & foure inches hy: and els lanuginous as a Lad of eyghten yers, being in deed a boowd too be but six yer old: nothing moze bewraying his age the his wit: that was, as for thooz yers, simpl and childish.

As for vnto his Lordship, hauing with such greatnes of honozabl modesty & benignite so passed forth, as: *Laudem sine inuidia et amicos parauit*. By greatnes of well dving, won with all sortz to be in such reuerens, as: *De quo mentiri fama ueretur*. In syncerite of frendship so great, as no man moze deuootly woozships.

*Illud*

*Illud amicitiae sanctum et venerabile nomen.* Ouid.

So great in liberalitie, as hath no way to  
heap vp the mass of his treasure, but only  
by liberall giuing & boounteous bestowing  
his treasure, folloing (as it seemes) the law  
of Martiall that sayth.

*Extra fortunam est, quicquid donatur amicis:*

*Quis dederis, solas semper habebis opes.*

Dout of all hazard doost thou set that too thy freendes  
(thou givest:

I surer treasure canst thou not haue euer while thou  
(lynest.

What may thees greatnesse bode, but  
only as great honoꝝ, fame, & renown for  
thees parts heratwey, as euer was vnto  
thoꝝ too nobl Greatz: the Macedoniā Alex-  
ander in Emathia oꝝ Græes, oꝝ too Romane  
Charles in Germany, oꝝ Italy: which,  
I wear it in me ony way too set out, no man  
of all men by God (Master Martin) had  
euer moze caus: and y beerby consider yow.  
It pleased his honoꝝ too beare me goodwill  
at first, & so to continu. To haue giuen me  
apparail euen from his bak, to get me al-  
lowauns in y stabl, too aduauns me vnto  
this wooꝝshipfull office so nêr y most ho-  
norable Councell, too help me in my licens  
of Beanz (though indeed I doo not so moch  
vze it, for I thank God I need not) too per-  
mit my good Father to serue the stabl.

L. i.

Whear.

Whearby I go now in my sylks, & els  
might ruffl in my cut cannas: I ryde now  
a hoys bak, that els many tyme; might  
mannage it a foot: am knoen too they; ho  
no; & taken forth with the best, that els  
might be bidden to stand back my self: My  
good ffather a good releef, that he sares  
much the better by: and none of the; for  
my d; zett, eyther at fy; or zens, God he  
knoez. What say ye my good frend Hum  
frey, shoold I not for ever honoz, extoll  
him all the wer; I can? Yes by yow leane  
whyle God lends me pour to vttter my  
minde. And (having a; good cau; of his ho  
no; , a; Virgill had of Augustus Cezar)  
will I poet it a littl with Virgill, & say.

Eglog. 1.

*Namq; erit ille mihi semper Deus, illius ara:  
Sape tener n. stris ab ouilibus imbuet agnus.*

For he shall be a God to me, tyll death my lpe cons  
(name;:  
His auter; will I sacrifice with incens & perfume;.

A singular Patron of humanitee may be  
be well vntoo bs tooward all degree; : of  
honoz, toward by Estates : and chiefly,  
whearby we may learn in what dignitee,  
woozship & reuerens her highnes is; to be  
esteemed, honozed, & receyued. What was  
neuer indæd moze condignly don the; her:  
to a; neither by the bylder; at fy; , no; by  
the



the Edict of pacification after, was euer 1266. An. 30  
 Kenelwoozth moze nobled the by this, his Henr. 3.  
 lordships receiuing her highnes heer now.

But Jesu Jesu whither am I dzatwon  
 now. But talkk I of my Lord onzen  
 thus it farez with me: I forget all, my  
 freends, & my self too. And yet yoo, being a  
 Mercer, a Merchant, az I am: my cuntrye  
 mā bozn, & my god frænd withall, weare  
 by I kno ye ar compassiond with me: We  
 thought it my part sū what to empart vn-  
 to yoo, how it iz heer with me, and how  
 I lead my life, which in deed iz this.

A moznings I rize ozdinarily at seauen  
 a clock: When redoy, I go intoo the Chap-  
 pell: soon after eyght, I get me commonly  
 intoo my Lords Chamber, oz intoo my  
 Lords prezidents. Weare at the cupboord  
 after I haue eaten y manchet, serued ouer  
 night for lyuery (for I dare be az bolld, I  
 promis yoo, az any of my freends the ser-  
 uants thear: and indeed cold I haue fresh  
 if I would tary, but I am of wont iolly &  
 dzy a moznings) I dzink me vp a good bol  
 of Ale: when in a swet pot it iz defecated  
 by all nights stāding, the dzink iz y better  
 take that of me: & a mozsell in a moznig  
 with a soound draught iz very holliom &  
 good for the eyesight. The I am az fresh al

yfornoone after, a3 had I eaten a hole peas  
 of beef. Now say, if the Coucell sit, I am  
 at hand, wait at an inch I warrant yow. If  
 any make babling, peas (say I) woot ye  
 tohear ye ar: If I take a lyttenar, or a  
 priar in at y chinks, or at the lokhole, I am  
 by & by in the bonez of him: but now they  
 keep good order, they kno me well inough:  
 If a be a freend, or such one a3 I like: I  
 make him sit down by me on a footm, or a  
 cheast, Let the rest walk a Gods name.

And heer doth my Langesgez now & than  
 stand me in good stead, my Frech, my Spa-  
 nish, my Duch & my Latten: sumtime a-  
 moong Ambassadors me, if their Master  
 be within with y Councell: sumtime with  
 the Ambassadors himself, if he bid call his  
 lacky, or ask me whats a clock. And I war-  
 rant ye I answer him rooundly, that they  
 marvel to see such a fello thear: the laugh  
 I and say nothing. Diner & supper I have  
 twenty placez too go to, & hartly paid to:  
 And sumtime get I to Master Dinner, by  
 my feyth a mo2 shipfull Gentleman, and a3  
 carefull for his charge a3 ony her highnes  
 hath: thear find I allway good stoze of ve-  
 ry good viands: we eat & be mery, thank  
 God & the Queen. Him self in feeding ve-  
 ry temperat & moderat a3 ye shall see ony:  
 and

and yet by yoor leaue of a dish , az a colld  
 Pigeon so, that hath cum to him at meat  
 moze then he lokt for, I haue seen him en  
 so by & by surft , az he hath pluck of his  
 napkin , wypt his knife, & eat not a moze  
 sell moze : lyke inoough too stik in his sto  
 mak a tow dayz after : (Sum hard message  
 from the higher officerz, perceyue ye me?)  
 Upon search, his faithfull dealing & dili  
 gens hath soound him faultles . In after  
 noons & a nights, sumtime am I with the  
 right worshipfull Syr George Howard,  
 az good a Gentleman az ony lyuez : And  
 sumtime at my good Lady Sydneys cha  
 ber , a Noblwoman , that I am az mooch  
 boound vntoo , az ony pooz man may be  
 vntoo so gracious a Lady: And sumtyme  
 in sum othre place: But allwey; amooing  
 the Gentlwomen by my good wyll (O, ye  
 kno that cum; allwey; of a gentle spirit)  
 & when I see company accoording, than can  
 I be az lyuely too : sumtime I foot it with  
 daunsyng: noow with my Cytern , & els  
 with my Cytern , then at the Virginalz:  
 We kno nothing cums amiss to me : then  
 carroll I bp a song withall , that by & by  
 they cum flocking aboout me lyke bees too  
 hunny: and euer they cry , anoother good  
 Langham anoother . Shall I tell yoor  
 L.ij. when

vp syn houe.

when I see Myster; ---- (A, se a mad  
 knave, I had almost told all) that thee  
 gye; on; but an ey or an ear: why then,  
 man, am I best: my grace, my courage, my  
 cunning is doobled: She say; sumtime she  
 like; it, & then I like it mooch the better,  
 it doth me good to heer how well I can  
 do. And too say truth: what, with mine  
 ey, & I can amozonously glait it, with my  
 spanish lispres, my french heighes, mine  
 Italian dulcets, my dutch bouz, my doobl  
 releas, my byreache; , my fine seyning,  
 my deep diapason, my wanton warbl; , my  
 running, my tyming, my tuning & my  
 twynking, I can gracily tbe matter as  
 well as the proudest of them, and was yet  
 neuer staynd I thank God. By my troth  
 contremen it iz sumtime by midnight ear  
 I ca get from them. And thus haue I told  
 ye most of my trade, al the leue long day:  
 what wyl ye moze, God saue the Quen,  
 & my Lord, I am well I thank yw.

Herwith ment I fully to byd ye fare-  
 well, had not this doout cum to my minde,  
 that heer remain; a doout in yoo, which I  
 ought (me thought) in any wyse to cleer.  
 Which iz, ye maruell perchawns to see me  
 so bookish, Let me tell yw in few woordes:  
 I went to school so, sooth both at Doll; , &  
 also

also at saint Antoniez: in the fifth foorm,  
past Esop fables twys, red Terens . Vos  
islec intro auferte, & began with my Mir-  
gill Tytire tu patulae . I coold my rulez,  
coold conster a pars with the best of them.  
Syns that, az partly ye kno, haue I traded  
the seat of merchaundize in sundry Cun-  
treys, & so gat me Langagez: which doo so  
littl hinder my Latten, az ( I thank God)  
haue mooch encreast it . I haue leazure su-  
time, when I tend not vpon the Councell:  
whearby noow look I on one book, noow  
on an oother. Stozpez I delight in, y more  
auncient & rare, the more lykesum vntoo  
me: If I tolld ye . I lyked Wylliam a  
Malmesbery so well bicauz of hiz diligens  
& antiquitee. Perchauns ye woold conster  
it bicauz I looue Malmezey so well, but I  
seyth it iz not so: for sipt I no more Sak &  
suger (a yet neuer but with cupany) then I  
doo Malmezey, I shoold not blush so mooch  
a dayz az I doo, ye kno my minde. Well  
noow thus fare ye hartely well. I feith, if  
with wishig it cold haue beene, ye had had  
a buk or too this somer: but we shall cum  
neerer shortly, & the shall we merely meet  
& grace a God. In the mean time comend  
me I beseeke yw: bnto my good freends, all-  
most most of the yooz neighbours, Master  
Alder-

Alderman Bullison, a speciall freend of mine : and in ony wise too my good olde frënd Master smith Custumer, by that same token : Set my hors vp to therak & then lets haue a cup of Sak. He knoez the token wel inough, & wyll laugh, I holde ye a grote. Too Master thozogood: And too my mery companion (a Mercer ye wot az we be) Master Denman, Mio fratello in Christo : he iz woont too summon me by the name of Ro. La. of the county of Rosingham Gentlman A good companion I feyth. Well onez agein fare ye hartely well. From the Coourt. At the Witte of Worcester, the xx. of August. 1575.

Woz countreeman, companion, & freend assuredly: Mercer, Merchantauenturer; and Clark of the Councell chamber doze, and allso kepar of the same : El prencipe negro. Parme. R. L. Gent. Mercer.

# *DE MAIESTATE REGIA.*

*Benigno.*

*Cedant arma togæ, concedat laurea linguæ,*

*laetanter Cicero, ac iustius illud habe:*

*Cedant arma togæ, vigil et toga cedit honori,*

*Omnia concedant Imperioq; suo,*

# *DEO OPT. MAX. GRATIÆ.*

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